

MAP OF WAR AREA IN FAR EAST AND VIEW OF PORT ARTHUR WHERE JAPANESE ATTACKED RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

TOPOGRAPHICAL VIEW
OF THE SCENE OF THE
FAR EASTERN CRISIS

HARBOR OF PORT ARTHUR

JIM RAY, RICH
NEGRO, SLAIN IN
PISTOL BATTLE

Fight Over Craps Game in Falstaff
Club Saloon Ends in Killing of Proprietor and Fatal Wounding of His Partner, John Arthur.

WIFE HELD ON CHARGE OF
TAKING HUSBAND'S MONEY

Three-Cornered Battle Results From
Quarrel Over Woman and Winnings of Game—Victim Noted for Love of Style and Political "Pull."

"Jim" Ray, one of the best-known figures in the sporting world, a leading negro politician, reputed to have been the wealthiest negro in St. Louis, was shot three times and killed during a pistol battle in club 30 shots were fired, at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, not 12 hours after he had predicted his death and arranged for a lawyer to draw his will. His body is at the morgue.

Ed Grimes, 28 years old, proprietor of the Falstaff, is locked up at the Four Courts. He is not wounded.

John Arthur, 25 years old, of 125 Pine street, is at the City Hospital, dying from wounds and fractures received in the fight. Arthur was associated in business with Ray.

Thomas Watkins, 28 years old, 211 Walnut street, also a witness or a participant, is at the hospital, badly beaten. Ray owned a saloon and "club" at 215 Market street and had living rooms above, where he resided until a few weeks ago with his wife, Lizzie Ray, a beautiful mulatto, whom he brought to St. Louis from New York two years ago. She was formerly known as Lizzie Randall.

The police say that bad feeling has existed between Ray and Grimes, proprietor of the Falstaff, for some time, and that threats were made by Ray that "one of us has got to get out of business." The police also say that when Ray went to the Falstaff Monday night it was with a threat against Grimes.

Wife Left Him.

Saloon Was Sold.

At the Falstaff Ray found William North, the negro for whom Ray's wife deserted him two weeks ago. She is said to have sold his Market street saloon while he was out of the city and embezzled the \$200 which she received for it.

A general fight began at the Falstaff shortly after 1 o'clock, but it did not become serious until 1:45 o'clock.

At that time there were about 25 negroes in a game room. The fusillade of shots followed.

The Ray woman has been a city jail prisoner, charged with the embezzlement of her husband's money since she was brought back from Hot Springs a week ago.

Ray's wrath is said to have been greatly increased when he found his enemy, North, in Grimes' place.

The room where the fight took place is a wreck. Broken revolvers, shattered by blows, strewn the floor. The piano and other furniture are riddled and overturned. Blood stains cover the floor.

Ray has been prominent among the sporting negroes of the city. He drove fast horses to swell rigs, wore handsome clothes, big diamonds, dressed his wife in the height of style and had a large influence in politics among his own people.

He was sometimes called "uncle," because of his constant courting of the party in power. He was envied by other sporting negroes because of his financial "pull" with the authorities, a "pull" by the aid of which he has been credited with openly operating gambling dens.

Wife Is Noted
for Her Beauty.

One of Ray's places was the Atlanta Club, two doors from "Fatty" Grimes' Club. He had also recently operated notorious dance halls and other saloons.

Ray's wife is a daughter of Charles Stark, notorious negro gambler, who died several years ago from wounds received in his saloon. The "Lion" onetime lived at North Eleventh street, then the most noted gambling house in St. Louis. Stark defied the police and little effort was made to raid his place, until Patrolman Brady tried it one night. Brady's entrance to the place was a battle and, shouting began on all sides. Brady was killed outright, and for his death Harrison Duncan, a negro gambler, was hanged. On his deathbed Stark confessed that it was he who had killed the policeman.

Lizzie Stark, who married Ray, is a small woman of light complexion. Her face shows no trace of negro blood, and she is said to be the most beautiful negro woman in St. Louis.

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HARBOR OF PORT ARTHUR

NO ONE HELD FOR
LITTLER'S DEATH

Coroner's Jury Declares That Police-
men Shot in Defense of Their
Own Lives.

WITNESSES TELL OF THE FIGHT

Young Man Declares He Saw Hotel
Man Hastening in Pursuit of
Officer Mackle.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest to determine the responsibility for the death of Joseph Littler, part proprietor of the Bachelor saloon and hotel, Ewing avenue and Olive street, was that he "came to his death from a bullet from the pistol of either Policeman Maxwell or Mackle, while they were shooting in defense of their own lives."

Fourteen witnesses were examined by Deputy Coroner O'Keefe. Coroner Funkhouser assisting in the examination by frequently suggesting questions. The story of the fight was clearly brought out. It was that Littler had taken a strong dislike to Policeman Mackle and had made threats to kill him. He had been seen on Saturday night about 11:45 o'clock. On this occasion Littler used forcible language in ordering them from his establishment.

Miller then returned to the Manchester avenue station while Mackle continued to walk his beat across the street from the Bachelor Hotel.

Met Mackle in
Front of Saloon.

About 1:30 Littler left his saloon for his home. While standing on the northwest corner of Twenty-ninth and Olive streets, in front of the Littler saloon, he encountered Mackle's right to enter the saloon. Mackle's right to enter the saloon was again denied by Littler, and loud words followed. The argument ended when Mackle struck Littler over the head with his club, knocking him down. On witness stated that he heard Mackle remark as he struck Littler that the latter had called him a wife name which he would permit no man to apply to him.

Littler then went into the Falstaff, evidently seeking a weapon, and, finding none, crossed to his own saloon, where he se.

Then he rushed across to the Falstaff corner and inquired which way Mackle had gone. Learning that he had gone west, he hurried after him.

John M. Hankinson, a youth residing at 229 Pine street, testified that Littler was so excited he caught him (Hankinson) by the hand and pulled him along with him. Meanwhile Mackle had rapped his club and walked to the corner of Garrison and Olive. There he met Policeman Maxwell, responding to the club raps. He told Maxwell he expected trouble at Ewing avenue, and asked him to accompany him back there. Mackle also called up Miller at the Manchester avenue station and told him to "come over," as he was going to have trouble.

When Mackle and Maxwell arrived in front of a store at 231 Olive they met Littler coming toward them. "H. H. Cline, a saloon keeper, 325 Franklin avenue, testified that he was walking directly behind the policeman.

He says he heard Littler apply a coarse epithet to Mackle as they met and that he saw a flash from the policeman's pistol. He also testified that he saw Mackle strike Littler with his club.

Policeman Maxwell testified that when the party met Mackle said to Littler "I want to see you."

Whereupon, Maxwell said, Littler stepped up to them, revolver in hand, and exclaimed with an oath: "Yes, and I want to see you, too," at the same time firing and striking Mackle in the left arm.

Maxwell said he attempted to stop Littler and the latter fired two shots at him. Then, Maxwell said, both he and Mackle took about four shots each at Littler.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Forecast: Missouri—Probably snow tonight or Wednesday; colder Wednesday and in northwest portion tonight; with southerly winds. Illinois and Indiana—Probably snow tonight and Wednesday; colder Wednesday; with southerly winds.

COLD WEATHER TO
RETURN TONIGHT

Ten Above Zero, With Snow, Pace Set
for Next Few Days by
Forecast.

Cold weather is due in St. Louis tonight to remain several days perhaps. It is preceding the coming of a storm centered over the Rio Grande river, and will be accompanied by probable snow flurries. The forecast says:

"Threatening, with snow Tuesday night and Wednesday. Colder. Fresh to brisk east to north-easterly winds. Minimum temperature Tuesday night, 10 above zero."

The cold weather, with unsettled clouds, is general throughout the country. From White River, Ontario, 44 degrees below zero were reported Tuesday morning, the readings were through northern Michigan to the Rocky mountains ranged from 10 to 20 below zero.



While fire raged below them and smoke belched from the cold wind cut like a knife, fifty women and girls ran about on the roof of the Vanol building at Olive and Vandeventer avenue for more than half an hour Tuesday.

Just below them the fire engines clanged and puffed in their fight against the spreading flames in the Banner department store, and firemen shouted appeals for the women to be calm. Slowly they made descent on the fire escape, but not until all were in terror-stricken.

The roof prisoners were teachers in a shorthand school and students and teachers of a tailoring college occupying the upper floors of the four-story building.

One hundred girls, students in the shorthand school and dressmakers' establishment and clerks in the store ran madly down the main stairs, rushing through a hall that was filled with smoke and so hot that the windows cracked and crashed to the floor.

They would listen to no word of warning, refusing to take refuge on the roof. Panic-stricken, they crowded on down the stairs and all escaped into the street uninjured.

Two women on the roof suffered greatly from the cold. They had left their wraps and hats behind in their work rooms, but in their haste carried their sewing with them. In this they bound their heads and shoulders.

A customer in the Banner store stepped on a match which was lying near a pile of straw. Through this binding cloud the flame of flame, which spread to other inflammable dry goods near by. Clerks and customers fled in terror.

One clerk, E. Rosenheim, remained behind in efforts to beat out the flames. His hands and clothing were badly burned, but he escaped serious injury.

The intense heat broke windows looking into the hallway and the smoke quickly filled the lower and upper corridors and stairways. Through this binding cloud the girls of the shorthand school ran in their flight to escape.

Elizabeth R. Seditz, principal of the school, led a few of her own pupils in those from the tailoring college to the roof.

RUSSIA CALLS OUT
THE NAVAL RESERVES

The Action of Japan in Beginning War Without Official Declaration Has Aroused Russian Patriotism.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The naval reserves have been called out.

The action of the Japanese in attacking the Russian fleet without a declaration of war is denounced as an outrage by the Russians generally, and the result, instead of discouraging them, seems to have been to furnish the spark necessary to arouse Russian patriotism.

From the larger centers throughout European Russia comes information that the country is already aroused by the Japanese action in breaking off the negotiations.

Commenting on the address of loyalty from the provincial council of the government of Yaroslavl, the Novoe Vremya says it indicates the sentiments of the whole Russian people, adding: "Woe betide Japan."

The effect on the bourse, where it was rumored, the full extent of the fighting at Port Arthur had not been made public, and that the engagement was still progressing, was that a resumption of the panic seemed absolutely inevitable. The market had no support, imperial fairs falling another point. Lottery bonds were quoted at 85 rubles and bank stocks at 25.

U. S. Ambassador McCormick was notified this morning that Russia had no objection to the United States looking after Japanese interests in Russia. No current business will be left by M. Kurino, the retiring minister of Japan. Mr. McCormick's principal duties will be to protect the few Japanese subjects who reside in European Russia. There are only 20 of them in St. Petersburg and five in Moscow, but there may be difficulties in Asiatic Russia.

The Associated Press learns that M. Kurino recommended his government, instead of the action taken, to suspend negotiations with Russia to offer to submit the controversy to the Hague arbitration tribunal, but it is believed here that the Japanese feared that on account of the excitement of one party would not support the government in such a course.

Russian authorities declare that the Russian response was in Baron de Rosen's hands at Tokyo—and was being translated when Japan's notification of the severance of diplomatic relations arrived.

MRS. BORNGESSER
AN "ARMY" GIRL

Pictures Showing Her in Costume of Booth's Corps Offered as Character Evidence.

Mrs. Jessie Lane Borgesser has filed counter affidavits to the 12 affidavits filed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Borgesser, Sr., supporting their motion for a new trial in the suit wherein the daughter-in-law recently secured judgment for \$500 for alienation of her husband's affections.

The 16 counter affidavits are from residents of Keokuk, Ia., stating that they knew Mrs. Borgesser during her residence there and her character was above reproach. Two of the persons filing affidavits are the new affidavits that they ever made the statements credited to them in the affidavits filed in support of the motion for a new trial.

As an exhibit with the counter affidavits, was a photograph of Mrs. Jessie Lane Borgesser appearing as a Salvation Army worker in uniform, attached to a corps in Keokuk. She played a guitar with the band of street workers.

WAR SENDS PORK UP.

Advance of \$1.22 1-2 Per Barrel in Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The outbreak of hostilities in the far East caused an advance of \$1.22 1-2 per barrel today in the price of pork for May delivery. The price was bid up to \$14.50 per barrel from the opening figure of \$13.28 to \$13.28. The entire provision list showed advances, and it was said that an active demand from English houses was largely responsible.

ARRESTED AS ACCESSORY.

Charles Fields of St. Louis, It Is Charges, Witnessed East St. Louis Murder.

Charles Fields of 1515 North Eighth street, St. Louis, was brought to Belleville without requisition papers Monday night charged with being accessory to the murder of Clark Gregory, who was killed in East St. Louis in October by his son.

Fields was with Gregory at the time of the killing. His testimony is necessary for the conviction of young Gregory. The arrest was made in order to make sure of Fields' presence at the trial.

RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 9.—Weather clear; light heavy.
First race, selling, mile and eighth—Esopo (Minder), 4 to 1, first; Reginald (Jespine), 3 to 1, second; Bugithorn 26 (Hobbs), 4 to 1, third. Time 2:30 3-4.

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THE UNITED STATES
TAKES A STEP TO
PROTECT CHINA

Secretary Hay Prepares Note to Great Powers
Asking for Concerted Action to Preserve
the Neutrality and Integrity of
Chinese Empire.

PRESSURE TO BE EXERTED
ON RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Significant Diplomatic Move Made at Washington Which Is Said to Have Startled the
Representatives of European
Governments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities and thereafter the neutrality and integrity of China must be recognized. Details of the note are not obtainable in advance of the receipt of replies.

It is known, however, that exchanges have already taken place which justifies the state department in expecting favorable responses to the note.

The matter has created a great sensation in diplomatic circles here.

THE BATTLE GOES
ON AT A RANGE
OF THREE MILES

During Attack At Midnight on the Russian
Squadron at Port Arthur, Two Battleships
and a Cruiser Were Torpedoed by
the Japanese Fleet.

CHE FOO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese fleet attacked Port Arthur at midnight on Monday. Two Russian battleships and one Russian cruiser were abled by torpedoes.

The battle is being continued this morning at a range of three miles. There has been no further damage.

PARIS, Feb. 9, 9:55 p. m.—It was announced at the French foreign office this afternoon that the Russian cruiser Pallada was sunk in the torpedo attack made by the Japanese on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur. The injuries sustained by the Retvizan and Cesarevitch are not known.

It was reported on the same authority that the cable from Vladivostok to Japan has been cut.

JAPAN DID NOT
LOSE 11 WARSHIPS

The Report Sent Out From St. Petersburg Was Unfounded
and Has Been Officially Denied at the
Foreign Office.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The report of the sinking of 11 Japanese warships in an attack on Port Arthur is untrue. The report emanated from an unofficial source in St. Petersburg, and has been officially denied at the foreign office. No such news has come from Port Arthur to St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—The announcement of the sinking of 11 Japanese ships and the fact that Port Arthur was in flames was given out in St. Petersburg at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon as official, but investigation showed the report to be untrue. The only confirmed official communication is that from Admiral Alexieff, issued earlier, announcing that Japanese torpedo boats had made a sudden attack on the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvizan and Cesarevitch and the cruiser Pallada had been damaged.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The war has begun. At midnight last night four Japanese torpedo boats torpedoed the Russian battleships Retvizan and Cesarevitch and the cruiser Pallada. The Russian ships are supposed to be seriously damaged.

The daring feat of the Japanese was performed under the very shadow of the Russian shore batteries.

DEMOCRATS FROM ALL MISSOURI INVADE ST. LOUIS

STRAWVOTE SHOWS FOLK LEADS FOR GOVERNOR

MONSIEUR HUNDT BEARDS THE MISSOURI DEMOCRATS IN THEIR LAIR AT THE LACLEDE

Cockrell the Second Choice for Presidential Candidate—Leading Missouri Democrats Give Their Preferences.

1. Whom do you favor for governor, and why?
 2. Who is your second choice for presidential candidate?
 3. Do you favor the reaffirmation in its entirety of the Kansas City platform?

The above questions were put to a large number of prominent Missouri Democrats today by Post-Dispatch reporters. St. Louis is full of Democratic politicians, drawn here by Monday's meeting of the state committee, and today's gathering of promoters of the Cockrell boom for vice-president.

In the preference for governor, Mr. Folk leads with nine votes, Reed and Crowe each have two. Gant, three and Hawes one. Twenty-two Democrats were non-committal.

As to the Kansas City platform nine were in favor of its reaffirmation; 14 were opposed to it, and 15 were non-committal.

These answers were secured:

J. M. SALLIE, Harrison county: 1. The platform.
 2. Hearst.
 3. The delegates to the convention will build their own platform, and it will be such as every Democrat can safely endorse.

JAMES COWGILL, ex-railroad commissioner, Kansas City: 1. No choice.
 2. Parker.
 3. The leading issues now are tariff and the trusts.

MASON TALBUTT, Dade county: 1. Gant.
 2. None.
 3. Reaffirmation of Kansas City platform a bad plan.

MUSGRAVE, Green county: 1. Nominee.
 2. Cockrell all the time.
 3. I favor reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform.

PALEY, Pike county: 1. Have no choice.
 2. Gorman.
 3. Do not want Kansas City platform at all.

M. ATKINSON, Ripley county: 1. Folk, but there is some real sentiment in our county.
 2. Hearst or Parker.
 3. Kansas City platform not a vital issue.

SAM J. McMINN, Marble Hill: 1. The nominee. Friendly to all.
 2. Hearst.
 3. Not in its entirety; in a modified form.

JUDGE JOHN H. BOGGS, Ste. Genevieve: 1. Folk. He has convicted a lot of men who ought to be in the penitentiary.
 2. McClellan or Hearst, a New York man.
 3. Not in its entirety.

JUDGE H. SLEETH, DeSoto: 1. Gant, the broadest-souled man in the race.
 2. Hearst.
 3. In chief but not in its entirety.

W. B. PARLISER, Farmington: 1. Anybody the Democrats nominate, but honesty might not be the issue. It is bad to have it go out that honesty has to be made an issue in a gubernatorial election. Other states have hoodlums. Mr. Folk made a fine prosecuting attorney, though.

Cockrell, first and last.
 2. Nothing to say.
 3. T. WILLIAMS, Flat River: 1. Hawes.
 2. Nothing to say.
 3. Nothing to say.

LOUIS H. MUSGRAVE, Ash Grove: 1. The nominee. I am a candidate and don't want to step on anybody's toes.
 2. Cockrell, first and last and all the time. If he has no chance from a Missouri, if one is available.

G. T. LEE, Van Buren: 1. A good Democrat. I think it would be good policy to nominate Folk.
 2. No choice.
 3. I am in favor of the platform but not in favor of re-stating it.

R. C. FORD, Forsyth: 1. No choice. I am a candidate.
 2. Cockrell all the time.
 3. Not policy to reaffirm it in full this time.

B. S. PETERMAN, Cape Girardeau: 1. Folk. He stands for good government.
 2. Cockrell first, no second.
 3. B. CATRON, West Plains: 1. Gant. An honest man and the best for the position.
 2. No choice.
 3. No.

ORGAN, Salem: 1. Folk. Because of the fight he has made on the hoodlums. I made the same fight in the Legislature five years ago and consistency requires me to be for him.
 2. Hearst.
 3. Yes.

THOMAS WEINER, Windom: 1. Folk. Believe in his honesty as a man.
 2. No choice.
 3. It should be changed to suit changed conditions.

VANDIVER SAYS MACHINE RODE ROUGHSHOD OVER FOLK. Congressman W. D. Vandiver, who is looking after the gubernatorial campaign of Circuit Attorney Folk, remarked Tuesday that the action of the Democratic state committee in refusing to permit the selection of delegates to the Democratic convention according to legislative districts, in counties entitled to more than one legislative representative, was high-handed and without precedent in the Democratic party.

"The state machine lined up against us," said Mr. Vandiver, "and we were powerless to cope with it."
 "The Reed people were afraid of us in Jackson, Jasper and other counties, and they were afraid of all precedents to run ahead of us."

WOMAN'S HUMANE SOCIETY. Last week was one of unusual activity for Policeman J. H. Fennell, special officer for the Woman's Humane Society. The society met at the Platters' Hotel Monday afternoon and heard Fennell's report.

One conviction grew out of last week's complaints—the only case that was prosecuted. Lewis Christian, a negro, was fined \$5 in the city hall police court for driving lame horses.



He Saw a Group of Intellectual Colonels and Majors, Diplomats to a Man, Candid, Open-faced and With "Truth" Stamped on Every Countenance.

BY M. CARL HUNDT. These men evidently had something more important to talk about than the war in Japan or the World's Fair of St. Louis. Seeing them as they stood and conversed in the lobby of the Laclede Hotel, I could not resist the temptation of mentally comparing them to a body of English parliamentarians. I have no idea what the subject of their conversation was, but their attitudes and gestures were decidedly diplomatic.

There was wisdom in every motion. Experience was written on every feature, and every glance betrayed intellectual superiority.

They Were Nearly All Colonels. What a brilliant gathering it seemed to be. They were nearly all colonels or at least majors, and all equally popular one with the other. Never in my life have I seen harder handshakes, never smelled more aromatic cigars.

They (the men) all seemed to belong to one big family, with no thought to conceal, no ambush to mask.

RICH NEGRO SLAIN IN PISTOL BATTLE. CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE. In the West, Ray lavished money and attentions upon her up to the time of her desertion of him. They have one child a year old, who lives with a mother at his Market street home.

Ray's partner, Arthur, is suffering from wounds that he received in his face and head. One of these is a bullet wound, while the others were inflicted by knives and blunt instruments. His skull is fractured by blows from a table leg, and the physicians say he cannot survive.

Ray's friends say he was assaulted by the Grimes crowd as soon as he entered the Palace, while Grimes and his followers say Ray started the trouble.

Howard Siderer, an attorney, stated Tuesday that Ray called on him Monday and said that he expected to be killed before another day and wished legal services in drawing up his will. Mr. Siderer made an engagement to meet Ray in the afternoon, but he failed to appear.

COFFEE DRINKER DIES AT 102. Drank Six Cups and Consumed Much Tobacco Daily. DAYTON, O., Feb. 8.—Philip Ketter, a wealthy retired manufacturer, who celebrated the 102nd anniversary of his birth a few months ago, died today. He drank six cups of coffee daily all his life, and was an inveterate user of tobacco.

Abstinence for Factories. Father J. T. Coffey of St. Leo's Church has called a meeting of the women's auxiliary of the Knights of Father Mathew for Thursday night, when plans will be made for temperance work among the factories in the parish. Mrs. Leonora Lake will deliver the address of the evening, and will present what Father Coffey thinks is the greatest problem of the parish, the guarding of the women who work in the shoe factories from the temptation to drink. The temptation, he says, is largely due to older employers sending children for beer to drink with lunch.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Brown China Tablets. All who give refuse the money if it fails to cure. R. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

IS THE COCKRELL BOOM A DOCKERY LIFESAVER?

Movement for Senator Recalls Triple Alliance Compact of Dockery, Stone and Cook, of Which Only Stone Has Reaped the Fruits.

A number of Missouri Democrats, including Senator William J. Stone, Gov. A. M. Dockery and Secretary of State Sam B. Cook, met in the ladies' ordinary of the Platters' Hotel Tuesday morning for the avowed purpose of pushing the candidacy of United States Senator Francis M. Cockrell for Democratic presidential nomination.

It will be the definite purpose of the meeting, so the managers say, to arrange for funds to advance Senator Cockrell's interests and defray the expenses of delegations to visit other states in his behalf.

Whether Senator Cockrell is heartily pleased by the compliment which members of his friends propose to pay him has never been learned, the senator always disclaiming the subject with the remark: "I am willing to follow the wishes of the Democracy, although I desire distinctly understood that I am a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate."

The Cockrell presidential boom was formally inaugurated at Moberly, Mo., last August. It was promoted chiefly by Senator Stone and Gov. Dockery, the coalition calling on the Democrats to unite on "Missouri's Grand Old Man" being presented by Col. Moses Wetmore.

Campaign Would Exhaust Cockrell. The resolution was seconded by Maj. Harvey W. Salmon of Clinton, one of Senator Stone's chief lieutenants.

Within the last few days several Democratic newspapers throughout Missouri have commented on the Cockrell movement. One of them, the Richmond Missourian, regarded as the mouthpiece of Gov. Dockery, has this to say:

"If Senator Cockrell is nominated and makes an active campaign, it will be a awful strain on him in his old age, so most of strength and talent, and he would represent Missourians with ideal faithfulness."

While many looked somewhat askance upon the presidential movement, which has manifested from the Democracy of other states, and had aroused no such enthusiasm as was manifested for the late Richard Parker Bland in 1896, they are willing to permit his name to be used "on the express condition that Senator Cockrell, if he fails to receive the nomination, shall go back to the Senate."

On the other hand, they have not lost sight of these matters of history as the basis of their apprehensions.

The defeat of Bland at Chicago and the trading of Missouri's vote in the interest of William J. Bryan, through the manipulations of Senator Stone.

The story of this conference was published in the Post-Dispatch at the time. According to the agreement drawn up by the conferees, Stone was to go to the Senate in 1904, Dockery to be supported by Stone for the United States Senate, and Cook should be rewarded with the gubernatorial nomination.

When Gov. Dockery signed that pledge he had no idea that within two years he would have an excellent opportunity to gain the senatorial toga; that Senator Stone would have been elected to his own party, and that Sam Cook would be involved in bribery exposures, disqualifying him to enter the race for the governorship.

Debt to Dockery. Remains Unpaid. The opportunity came at the commencement of the 1903 session of the legislature. The Democrats, whose acquiescence in the wanted to substitute somebody for Stone, and finally decided on Dockery.

Stone heard of this and hurried to the mansion. What followed is matter of political history. Stone berated Dockery in the most unparliamentary manner.

He never said a word. Another of the room but never used it, took the audience by storm. Whenever he said a word, the others clapped their hands and looked around at him approvingly.

A tall man, who told me afterwards he was going to make Folk governor, stepped to the front with the evident desire to say a few brief words, but he refrained from the assurance of his candor with such persistence and always remembered having forgotten some incidental observation that his address acquired a length almost equal to that of his lower limbs. His listeners seemed not very enthusiastic, however, and he did not have much to say afterwards.

The meeting was finally adjourned without any serious disturbance.

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BATTLE GOES ON AT THREE MILE RANGE

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The official confirmation of the fact is contained in a dispatch from Russian Viceroy Alexieff at Port Arthur to the Czar as follows:

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at or about midnight of Feb. 8-9, Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur, in which the battleships Retvizian and Cesarevitch and the cruiser Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. Details are following for your majesty."

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, today received a cable announcing the departure of the Japanese fleet for the Yellow Sea. While he had no news of the engagement off Port Arthur, the minister was aware that Japan intended throughout this war to employ torpedo boats to the fullest possible extent.

It is plainly the purpose of Japan to destroy the Russian squadron or bottle it up in Port Arthur and keep it there by blockade.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—News that Japanese had duplicated her tactics at the opening of the Chino-Japanese war by a torpedo attack on the Russian ships of Port Arthur created intense excitement. Details of the attack are anxiously awaited. Extra editions of the morning papers printed early in the forenoon, after the appearance of the Official Messenger, conveyed the intelligence to the population of the capital and dispelled any lingering hopes that war could be averted.

The Czar and his ministers, who had been informed immediately of the receipt of Viceroy Alexieff's telegram, accepted the gage and prepared to face the reality of war.

The Czar's manifesto declaring a state of war to exist is expected to be issued tomorrow at the latest.

Activity reigned at all the ministries, and war preparations were pushed in all directions.

THINK RUSSIANS
LOST HEAVILY

London Experts Believe the Three Warships Were Sent to the Bottom of the Harbor by Torpedoes.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The naval men in London regarded the result of Japan's first attack with torpedo boats on the Russian fleet off Port Arthur as being a staggering one. They pointed out that Viceroy Alexieff's reference to "mines" obviously meant "torpedoes," and said that if the Russian vessels had been struck by Whitehead torpedoes they probably have been sunk or are resting in the mud of Port Arthur, at any rate out of action for a considerable time.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The news of the first Japanese attack with torpedo boats on the

ing that the British government will issue a declaration of neutrality within a few days, perhaps immediately, and that France will take the same within a day or two. The impression prevails that the three Russian ships torpedoed are so disabled as to be unserviceable for the remainder of the war, thus placing the Russian fleet in a state of inferiority. It is said that members of the council of ministers expressed astonishment at the alleged negligence of the commanders of the Russian ships in permitting the Japanese to surprise them.

The Japanese legation announces that Japan has requested China to declare coal contraband of war. The effect of this would be to cut off the main coal supply of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. The Russian officials add that China's continuance of supplying the Russians with coal would be a breach of neutrality.

THE RUSSIAN SHIPS
THAT WERE SERIOUSLY
DAMAGED BY TORPEDOES.

Following is a description of the Russian ship torpedoed by the Japanese: The battleship Retvizian was built by the Cramps at Philadelphia. She is 12,700 tons displacement, has 16,000 indicated horse power and had a speed of 18 knots per hour. Her armor is of Krupp steel, from 4 to 10 inches in thickness, and her armament consists of four 12-inch guns, 12 6-inch guns, 20 3-inch guns and 26 smaller rapid-fire guns.

EVANS' CRUISER
SQUADRON WILL GO
TO CHINESE WATERS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Orders will be issued today to Rear-Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Alliance, New Orleans, Raleigh and Cincinnati, from Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, to some point in Chinese waters yet to be determined, for the purpose of observing the naval operations. It is expected that the squadron can coal and get under way within two days.

Admiral Evans is expected to keep the battleship squadron in Philippine waters throughout the period of hostilities between Russia and Japan. This decision was reached at the cabinet meeting today after long consideration. It has been definitely settled that the cruiser squadron will not go to Port Arthur.

CAN THESE SOPRANOS TAKE HIGH?
YES, IF THE ALTO DIDN'T SING SOLOHER VOCAL RANGE
IS TWO BLOCKS

Girl Who Won Chorus Position With World's Fair Production a Strenuous Singer.

NO INQUIRIES ABOUT TIGHTS

Applicant Who Didn't Think It Necessary to Sing or Dance Let Down Gently.

"Bring any music with you?"
"No."
"Do you sing?"
"No."
"Dance?"
"No."

Prof. Charles Kunkel, tester of voices; Max Freeman, prospective producer of "Louisiana" and John Jannopoulos, manager of Delmar Garden, where the production is to be "pulled off" during the World's Fair, were started by this conversation between Prof. Kunkel and a diminutive blonde maiden who had called at the Kunkel studio in response to an "ad" for 200 merry chorus singers.

They strained their ears to catch the visitor's reply as Prof. Kunkel continued: "Well, why in the world did you come here, anyhow?"

"O," she replied with an ingenuous smile, "I thought you were going to present a charity performance and wouldn't care whether the girls could sing or dance."

Prof. Kunkel fell over on the keyboard. Freeman laughed until his eyeglasses fell off. Jannopoulos looked as if he wished there were enough stage-struck lasses to make a charity chorus possible.

"We'll just take your name, anyhow," observed Prof. Kunkel, when he recovered. Then he politely bowed the girl from Greenville out.

How They Could
Sing If Hungry!

Messrs. Kunkel and Freeman made a startling discovery during the voice-testing. Never before had they realized that cooks and boarding house proprietors had aught to do with the production of choral effects.

But the would-be al fresco warblers enlightened them.

"My voice would be much better if it hadn't been for the big dinner I ate," explained the first soprano who "tried."

"Too much breakfast," observed a discomfited contralto, after Messrs. Kunkel et al. had failed to show admiration for her low notes. "You ought to have heard me on an empty stomach."

"I noticed you both have very full voices," remarked the candid Freeman, adding sotto voce, "I was wondering where you got the filling."

With his venerable mustache, Mr. Kunkel does not look like an athlete, but many of the fair applicants left his presence imagining him a muscular Sandow.

After hearing an excuse for further recognition, Prof. Kunkel would say:

"Come now, sing that over again, double F. Sing like there is a man down on Jefferson avenue trying to hear you."

(The Kunkel studio is at 212 1/2-18th and Olive streets.)

Then, as the vocalist would attempt the double forte effect, Mr. Kunkel would hit the piano a solar plexus punch.

Had to Outing
Louest Chords.

Not only once, but again and again he would whack the ivories until the footlights' fencer on trial felt like murmuring the piano a solar plexus punch.

But the piano didn't seem to mind it a bit, and finally the singer would become accustomed to the situation and try to produce more sound than the professor boxed out of the instrument.

Whenever an applicant succeeded in doing so, the critical triumvirate would nod heads approvingly and say:

"I guess you'll do."

All of the applicants were asked about their experience in stage work. Each had some experience. The variety of those "experiences" were surprising. It was not all along musical lines. One girl had played "Little Eva" in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Another had "done" leading roles in amateur theatricals. Others had sung in church choirs, and thought they were just ripe for summer garden work. Still others had started "in the business" so long ago that it would be cruel to say when.

Not one asked whether she must wear tighties. Many, however, inquired as to chances for advancement. A stylishly dressed girl went away happy, after asking this question.

History Quoted to
Ambitious Lass.

Her voice was of superior quality and she looked like a desirable addition to the ranks.

When she asked if there would be any chance of getting a small part, Mr. Kunkel said encouragingly, but indefinitely:

"History tells of many girls who worked up from the chorus to high positions in opera."

"I know all about that," she replied with a touch of firmness. "I mean, will there be any chance to get a small part in 'Louisiana' at the start?"

"O, there will be a few 'bits,'" said a critic in the room.

"That'll be all right, then," declared the stylish applicant, and Mr. Kunkel took her name and address. "If thank you very much for giving me your time."

She will probably get one of the "bits."

City Directory Changes.

All changes, corrections and removals for the 1904 City Directory must be made immediately at the office of the Gould Directory Co., 218 North Eighth street.



THIRTEEN BRONZE TABLETS

The historic committee of the Civic Improvement League has selected 13 events in the history of St. Louis to be commemorated by bronze tablets giving the event and the date for commemoration.

The committee will designate the exact spot for the tablets within a few days. The events and places are:

Where Pierre Chouteau landed in 1763; where the Spanish took possession of the territory in 1767; the completion of the Louisiana Purchase in 1804; the site of the Fort Charles tower; home of the first city admiral; the site of the first city hall; the site of the first city court; the site of the first city prison; the site of the first city hospital; the site of the first city school; the site of the first city church; the site of the first city office building; the site of the first city hotel; the site of the first city bank; the site of the first city newspaper; the site of the first city library; the site of the first city museum; the site of the first city park; the site of the first city bridge; the site of the first city tunnel; the site of the first city viaduct; the site of the first city subway; the site of the first city elevated railway; the site of the first city streetcar; the site of the first city trolley; the site of the first city omnibus; the site of the first city horse-drawn carriage; 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DANCED IN BORROWED FINERY.
Two Young Women and Their Escort
Were Caught in a Mire of Mud.
William Wehmer and the Misses Ella
and Mania Trumpe, all of Columbia bot-

tom, are receiving congratulations upon the
fortitude and determination manifested
when their horse and buggy became mired
in deep mud on a St. Louis County road,
near O'Neil Hall, thirteen miles north of
St. Louis.
They were on their way to a dance at the

hall Saturday evening. When their horse
foundered they climbed from the buggy,
waded through mud knee deep and finally
reached the hall, where, in borrowed
clothes they spent the evening. The horse
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a brother of the two young women.

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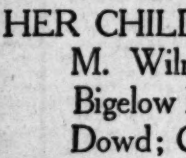
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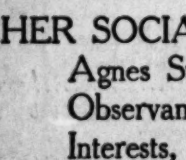
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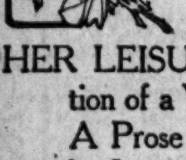
HER TABLE—Suggestions for Serving and Waiting at Table on Informal Sunday Night Suppers and Impromptu Evening Refreshments, Something on Lenten Dishes, Novel Luncheon Recipes, The Cooking of Oysters, and many practical suggestions for bettering the table service.



HER SOCIAL LIFE—The Evolution of a Club Woman by Agnes Surbridge; Club Life, Helen M. Winslow; The Observances of Society, Mrs. Learned; The Girl and her Interests, Priscilla Wakefield; Evening Entertainments.



HER DISPOSITION—Lillie Hamilton French talks about "dumping troubles" in The Joy of Living Papers. It will help one to the right outlook.



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HANNA'S CONDITION IS MORE SERIOUS

Senator Is Delirious at Times and His Nervous System Is in a Bad Way.

MAY HAVE BRIGHT'S DISEASE

Physician Is Constantly in His Room, Ready to Administer Restoratives at Sign of Breakdown.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Senator Hanna's condition continues to grow more serious. He is now delirious at times, and, though the doctors say this was to be expected as it is a natural feature of typhoid, it has caused increased anxiety.

There is a rumor about that Bright's disease is at the back of the senator's present condition. This has not yet been confirmed. Mr. Hanna's nervous condition has become so extremely acute that precautions have been taken to prevent it from being further aggravated.

The hotel orchestra has ceased playing, and tan bark has been spread on the street in front of the Arlington to deaden the sound of traffic. Dr. Edward P. Carter, who arrived from Cleveland, will be with Mr. Hanna constantly to guard against any sudden collapse.

It was agreed among the doctors that it was advisable to have some physician in the sick room all of the time, so that restoratives could be administered at the first sign of a breakdown.

It was thought that the time that would be lost in summoning a doctor might prove very serious, and Mr. Hanna himself was somewhat uneasy on that score. Dr. Carter, who was formerly an assistant to Dr. Oiler of Baltimore, understands the senator's condition and constitution thoroughly.

The doctors regarded as a favorable indication last night the fact that the senator complained less of pains in his stomach and was able to take more nourishment.

H. M. Hanna, the senator's brother, has arrived from Thomasville, Ga., and will remain to relieve Mrs. Hanna of the burden of looking after the senator's business affairs.

Medill McCormick, Mr. Hanna's son-in-law, returned to Chicago today. His wife remained with her father. Dan Hanna, son of the senator, has been notified that his presence was not needed now.

Elmer Dover, Hanna's secretary, thinks the crisis will come Wednesday. Mrs. Hanna believes the senator contracted the fever in New York, and that the crisis will not be reached until a week from next Sunday.

The doctors are in doubt as to when the crisis may be looked for. If Mr. Dover's theory is correct, they are confident of the senator's recovery. If the fever has two weeks to run before reaching its climax, they admit, that with Mr. Hanna daily growing weaker, the outlook is not nearly so favorable.

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COUNTY OFFICERS TO MEET

Illinois Gathering of Unique Characters at Cairo for the Purpose of Exchanging Views.

CAIRO, Ill., Feb. 9.—In the neighborhood of 30 county clerks, county supervisors and county commissioners from all sections of Illinois are holding a convention in this city for the purpose of exchanging views and getting acquainted.

The address of welcome was made by John A. Miller, chairman of the Alexander County commissioners. He was followed by Mayor Claude Winter, who welcomed the guests in behalf of Cairo. Addresses were made by P. H. Smyth, observer of the Cairo weather office, and by Prof. John Snyder, superintendent of schools of Alexander County.

Monroe C. Crawford of Union County will address the meeting on "The Duties of the County Clerk and His Relation to the County Board." J. Will Laws of Union County will speak on "The Duties of the County Board." The meeting will continue for three days.

TO RECEIVE FRENCH NOTABLES

"Diner Francais" Will Give Elaborate Biweekly Reception During the World's Fair.

"Diner Francais," a new French society organized to give a biweekly dinner and entertainments to French citizens who come to the World's Fair, was organized at a dinner given at the St. Louis Club Monday evening, when M. Jules Bouette, representative of Commissioner General La Grave, presided. The speakers were: M. Bouette, Capt. A. C. Horville, Gaston Douay, Capt. A. C. Baker, Marcel Estelle, Leo Bonet, Theophile Papin, E. L. Maquerey, Ernest Peugeot, Maurice Lammour, Lucien Serrailier, H. Brussel, Georges Lamouret, Alexandre De-Mena and F. Kuhn.

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Special to the Post-Dispatch.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 8.—The Alton, Granite City & St. Louis Railway Co. was incorporated yesterday afternoon by Secretary of State Rose with a capital stock of \$100,000. The company will connect a railway from Alton to Federal, East Alton, Granite City, East St. Louis, Godfrey and Bethalto. The incorporators and members of the first board of directors are: Joseph E. Porter, William E. Porter, Harvey E. Wells, Levi Davis and Henry S. Walker, all of Alton.

MRS. LESSER'S FUNERAL.

Wife of Cotton Merchant Was Invalid Two Years.

Rabbi Samuel Sale will conduct the funeral of the late Mrs. Lenora Lesser at the family residence, 4115 Lindell boulevard, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Mount Sinai cemetery.

Mrs. Lesser was 47 years old and the wife of Julius Lesser, a wealthy cotton merchant. She had been an invalid for two years. Her husband, a son, Harry, and a daughter, Blanche, survive her.

Priests Take Examinations.
Nearly eighty young Catholic priests, ordained in the past five years, appeared at Kenrick Seminary at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning for annual examinations.

WEDNESDAY'S BARGAIN SNAPS IN OUR GREAT CLEAN-UP

Men's Furnishings.

39c Ribbed Fleece Underwear, 6c
8 to 9.....
\$1.50 All-Wool Underwear.....54c
\$1.50 International Shirts.....35c
95c Flannel Shirts.....27c
\$1.00 All-Wool Sweaters, 2 to 3.....15c
75c Calf, wool-lined Gloves.....15c

Laces and Embroideries.

75c Embroideries for.....35c
10c Torchon Laces for.....35c
20c Embroideries for.....9c
50c Silk Chiffons for.....15c

Hosiery and Underwear.

25c Children's Fleece Underwear.....5c
35c Sleeping Garments.....15c
15c Ladies' and Children's Hosiery.....5c
35c Ladies' Heavy Lisle Hose.....10c

Muslin Underwear.

50c Corset Covers.....12c
\$1.50 Lace-Trimmed Skirts.....95c
50c Lace-Trimmed Drawers.....10c
50c Ready-Made Flannellette Skirts.....15c

Rugs and Linoleums, Etc.

\$15.00 Brussels Rugs (9x12).....\$8.25
\$20.00 Brussels Rugs (9x12).....\$11.75
\$25.00 Velvet Rugs (10x12).....\$15.00
45c Floor Oil Cloth, a yard.....19c
65c Linoleum, good grade, a yard.....35c
90c Linoleum, No. 1 grade, a yard.....40c

Wall Paper.

Let us give you an estimate on your work.
The very best heavy gilt and embossed Papers, at, per roll.....8c
Best Glimmer Papers.....5c
per roll.....
Bedroom and Kitchen Papers, per roll.....2c
Have your papering done now. Save half your money.

MASS OF SORES

Awful Suffering of a Boy from an Itching Humour.

CURED BY CUTICURA

Not One Square Inch of Skin on His Whole Body Was Unaffected.

"My little son, a boy of five, broke out with an itching rash. Three doctors prescribed for him, but he kept getting worse until we could not dress him any more. They finally advised me to try a certain medical college, but its treatment did not do any good. At the time I was induced to try Cuticura Remedies he was so bad that I had to cut his hair off and put the Cuticura Ointment on him on bandages, as it was impossible to touch him with the bare hand. There was not one square inch of skin on his whole body that was not affected. He was a mass of sores. The bandages used to stick to his skin and in removing them it used to take the skin off with them, and the screams from the poor child were heart-breaking. I began to think that he would never get well but after the second application of Cuticura Ointment I began to see signs of improvement, and with the third and fourth applications the sores commenced to dry up. His skin peeled off twenty times, but it finally yielded to the treatment. I used the Cuticura Resolvent for his blood, and now I can say that he is entirely cured and a stronger and healthier boy than ever saw him before."

ROBERT WATTAM.
4922 Center Ave., Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30, 1927.
No return in six years, Mr. Wattam writes, Feb. 23, 1928.

"Your letter of the 31st in regard to the case of my little boy at hand. I am truly thankful to say that the cure effected by the Cuticura Remedies has been a most thorough and successful cure to date."

Had throughout the world. Cuticura Resolvent, 2c. Ointment, 1c. Soap, 1c. per box. 10c. per box. 25c. per box. 50c. per box. 1.00 per box. 2.00 per box. 3.00 per box. 4.00 per box. 5.00 per box. 6.00 per box. 7.00 per box. 8.00 per box. 9.00 per box. 10.00 per box. 11.00 per box. 12.00 per box. 13.00 per box. 14.00 per box. 15.00 per box. 16.00 per box. 17.00 per box. 18.00 per box. 19.00 per box. 20.00 per box. 21.00 per box. 22.00 per box. 23.00 per box. 24.00 per box. 25.00 per box. 26.00 per box. 27.00 per box. 28.00 per box. 29.00 per box. 30.00 per box. 31.00 per box. 32.00 per box. 33.00 per box. 34.00 per box. 35.00 per box. 36.00 per box. 37.00 per box. 38.00 per box. 39.00 per box. 40.00 per box. 41.00 per box. 42.00 per box. 43.00 per box. 44.00 per box. 45.00 per box. 46.00 per box. 47.00 per box. 48.00 per box. 49.00 per box. 50.00 per box. 51.00 per box. 52.00 per box. 53.00 per box. 54.00 per box. 55.00 per box. 56.00 per box. 57.00 per box. 58.00 per box. 59.00 per box. 60.00 per box. 61.00 per box. 62.00 per box. 63.00 per box. 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MAN AND MONEY ODDLY MISSING

Cashier Gillespie of the Colonial Cafe Failed to Deposit \$456 in Bank.

EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGED

Samuel Gillespie, for the past 18 months cashier and bookkeeper for Gus Voigt, proprietor of the Colonial Cafe, Grand avenue and Morgan street, is missing, and the police of several cities have been asked to look for him.

A warrant, issued Monday afternoon, charges Gillespie with the embezzlement of \$456, and an investigation of his accounts was begun.

Stomach Distress

Stopped in one day and cured to stay cured with Drake's Peppermint Wine. Any reader of this paper will receive a trial bottle free by sending letter or postal card to Drake Formula Company, Chicago.

For Sale by Raboteau & Co., 700 N. B'way.

The alleged embezzlement is that of money given Gillespie by his employer's wife Monday morning to be deposited with a trust company. Gillespie did not return to the cafe, and did not visit the bank. The missing man is 45 years old and has long been highly regarded by Mr. Voigt, whose business he managed.

Mrs. Gillespie believes that he has been the victim of an accident or of foul play. "We have lived quietly," she said to the Post-Dispatch Tuesday morning, "and well within Mr. Gillespie's salary. We were married Dec. 18, 1901, and there has never been the least indication that he cared to leave or neglect me. He has worked so hard for the success of the Colonial that I am sure he would do nothing of that kind. I do hope the police will find him, for I know that he will clear himself of the charges."

GOES TO COURT TO GET HEAT

Tenant Resorts to Law and Landlord Ordered to Furnish Warmth at Once.

Resorting to court authority to make the landlord turn on the heat isn't a bad idea, according to Nathaniel Baxter, Jr. In return for his petition to the Circuit Court Monday, Baxter received a temporary restraining order against Morris A. Helmann, from whom he says he leased the building at Seventh street and Lucas avenue at \$4000 a year, heat included.

The restraining order issued by Judge Ryan instructs Helmann to furnish heat for Baxter at once and appear in court Friday to show cause why a permanent injunction should not be issued.

STABS FRIEND WHO AIDS HIM

James Williams Quarrels With Man Who Takes Him Home and Inflicts Fatal Wound.

James Williams, of 2708 North Ninth street, is a prisoner at the North Market street police station, pending the outcome of a wound inflicted by him upon J. S. Long, of 1110 Tyler street, after the latter had escorted him home while he was intoxicated.

Both men are switchmen employed by the Terminal, and Monday afternoon were drinking at Long's home. Williams concluded to go home about 6 o'clock and Long did not think he was in condition to go to his home by himself and asked to go along.

While at Williams' door, they quarreled and Long attempted to quiet his friend. Williams drew a knife and stabbed Long in the chest, the blade penetrating Long's lung.

Long reached his home and in a few minutes collapsed from loss of blood. Physicians who dressed the wound do not think he can recover.

GIRLS ROW BAREFOOT IN COLD FOR AID

Hasten Two Miles in Night Clothes Over Frozen Ground to Save Woman in Storm.

Dr. J. M. Holmes of Piedmont, Mo., who is stopping at the Laclede, told Tuesday of an act of heroism performed by two girls during the storm of Saturday night.

After the house in which they lived had been blown down at midnight they ran two miles, barefooted, through the storm to Gad's Hill for help for those who were pinned down by the timbers.

The girls were Emma Parrish and Mary Stock. They lived with Miss Parrish's mother, Mrs. V. A. Parrish, and her grandmother, Mrs. Jasper Busby, in a large two-story frame house, six miles north of Piedmont. The storm reduced the house to a pile of ruins. Mrs. Busby and Mrs. Parrish were severely hurt, but were not disabled. After trying to find the older women in the wreckage they started off on their feet, but they kept on and reached Gad's Hill and awoke a friend, who started at once for the destroyed home.

When the rescuers reached the ruins of the house they found at first no trace of the women, and it was three hours before they were finally taken from the wreckage.

Mrs. Busby's leg was broken. Mrs. Parrish had serious wounds in the head and was unconscious when found. Mrs. Busby cannot recover, and the recovery of Mrs. Parrish is doubtful.

BEATEN FOR AIDING CHILDREN

Court Listens With Tears to Story of Household Cruelty Told by a Mother.

Tears came to the eyes of Judge Pollard and the attaches of the Dayton street court Tuesday morning as Mrs. J. J. Jeffries told the story of the treatment she had received from her husband, Henry Jeffries, a glazier.

Mrs. Jeffries was accompanied to the courtroom by her five children, the oldest of whom was 12 years of age. A twin brother of the oldest girl had died. The youngest was 2 years of age.

Sunday morning the mistreatment of months culminated in an attack on Mildred, aged 5, who was carried to the hospital in her arms. When the mother sought to defend the children, Jeffries beat her.

Jeffries was taken to the station and was very repentant, begging the mercy of the court and making many promises.

Judge Pollard withheld his decision in the case until the close of the morning session, when he found a plea of guilty. Mrs. Jeffries was told that complaint from her would send her husband to the Workhouse.

GLOVER HIS OWN LAWYER

Former St. Louisian Declines Proffered Aid of Fellow Attorneys in His Defense.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Feb. 9.—In the district court here Judge Lewis overruled the motion of former Congressman John M. Glover, of Missouri, for dismissal of the charges of assault with intent to murder Sergts. Dittlemore and Smith of the Colorado National Guard.

Glover conducted his own case, having declined the proffer of assistance from fellow members of the bar of Teller County, who were arguing with an arrest of Gov. Peabody and the militia for their connection with the strike of miners in this district, but Judge Lewis, in passing upon the motion, held that it was not within the province of the court to judge the right or propriety of the governor to order out the troops in consequence of the strike and declare martial law.

Once stationed here, he said, the troops had no alternative but to obey orders.

The state rested its case after giving evidence of the declaration of martial law, the order for registration of arms and the resistance of Glover when a detail of military came to his office to secure his weapons. It was during this visit that Glover fired upon the soldiers and was himself wounded by them.

MOTIVE FOR HORTON'S CRIME

Evidence in the Carlinville Case Shows That the Man Was Infatuated With Another Woman.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Feb. 9.—Sensational evidence was brought out yesterday in the trial of the case of Luther O. Horton, who is charged with attempting to murder his wife in January, 1933.

The prosecution is basing its case on an attempt to establish a motive for the crime. It being alleged that Horton was desirous of getting rid of his wife so that he could devote his attention to Miss Alma Alabaugh, a girl of whom he is supposed to have been an avowed admirer.

Miss Alabaugh, when put on the stand yesterday afternoon, made admissions concerning the relationship between herself and Horton, while she had been employed in the family. She admitted that he had kissed her and kissed her and that he had given her money.

Another sensational feature of the prosecution was the reading of a letter which Horton had written Miss Alabaugh several months after the attempt at murder. This letter is couched in most endearing terms. The following are extracts from it:

"My own dearest, darling Norma,"

"O, dearest, if you were only with me I would be all right."

"I do not drink a drop now. Darling, do not worry about me."

"\$20.00—Mardi Gras—\$20.00."

New Orleans and return Feb. 9-15, via Illinois Central, returning March 5 by extension. Write or call for booklet.

RANGE CATTLE AT THE FAIR.

\$12,000 in Prizes Will Be Given at Carlot Show.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Eugene Grubb and Prof. W. L. Carlyle of Colorado have just arrived from Washington, where arrangements were definitely made with Gov. Francis for a grand range cattle carlot show at St. Louis. The Live Stock World announced on authority of Mr. Grubb that premiums amounting to at least \$12,000 will be hung up.

The same classifications that obtain at the International Live Stock Exposition will be made, except that five instead of three premiums will be given in each class: First money, \$300; second, \$150; third, \$100; fourth, \$50; and fifth, \$25. There will be one classification for corned cattle from the range districts. Grand champion carload of range fed and grain fed will get \$50 each.

The range show will be held Nov. 14 to 21. Entries close Sept. 1.

THOS. A. EDISON, JR.'S,

Electric "Vitalizer" cures Locomotor Ataxia, Paralysis, Rheumatism, nervous and sexual trouble. 504 Market street, room 18.

House Raised by Wind.

CAIRO, Ill., Feb. 9.—During the storm of Sunday the wind wrecked the home of L. Redden, four miles north of here. It picked the building up bodily, carried it 20 feet and dropped it.

Simmons BROADWAY & MORGAN

For Wednesday We Announce a Sale of

Black Petticoats

We purchased 600 dozen practical underskirts from the Carleton Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia and saved in the neighborhood of one-half on the transaction. Every garment is cut with plenty of fullness and is extra strongly made. All go on sale Wednesday at about half of what they'd regularly cost you.



- 75c Black Petticoats, 39c
- Made of glossy black material, cut liberally wide—with deep flounce trimmed with two ruffles at bottom—regular 75c value—Wednesday Special at..... 39c
- \$1.00 Black Petticoats, 59c
- Made of good mercerized black material, cut very full with deep gathered flounce—three narrow ruffles at bottom—regular \$1.00 value—Wednesday Special at..... 59c
- \$1.50 Black Petticoats, 79c
- Of fine mercerized satin, with narrow accordion pleated ruffle, set on deep flounce—regular \$1.50 value—Special for Wednesday..... 79c
- \$2.00 Petticoats, 95c
- Your choice of 15 distinct styles at this price—of best grade mercerized satin—deep accordion pleated and gathered flounce—all cut with plenty of fullness—regular \$2.00 value—Wednesday Special at..... 95c
- \$3.00 Mercerized Petticoats, \$1.50
- Made of finest quality light spring-weight satin—10 styles in this lot—deep flounce, with small, full gathered ruffles—also accordion flounce—regular \$3.00 value—Wednesday Special at..... 1.50
- \$2.00 Vesting Waists, 49c
- Odds and ends—only one or two of a style—some sold earlier as high as \$2.00—Wednesday, choice at..... 49c
- French Flannel Waists
- Odds and ends—all colors and sizes—our best French flannels—sold earlier as high as \$2.50—Wednesday, choice at..... 79c

LINENS AND DOMESTICS.

Look them over carefully—If there's any you wish—we suggest that you be on hand prompt and early.

- 8c BLEACHED MUSLINS—2 to 10 yard lengths—36 inches wide—white—one case lasts, yard..... 42c
- 15c BLUE PRINTS AND DUCKS—Lots of the heavy twills among—white—while they last, yard..... 75c
- 35c FLANNELLETTE SKIRT PATTERNS—Heavy fleece and nicely bordered, while 10 dozen last, each..... 19c
- 29c SILK WARP MOUSSELINE—all the best colors and black—while 15 pieces last, yard..... 15c
- 15c GENUINE MANCHESTER CHAMBRAYS—Every staple color included—while one case lasts, yard..... 75c
- 5c UNBLEACHED MUSLINS—Good weight, 31 inches wide—white—2000 yards last, yard..... 22c
- 15c WHITE P. K. WAISTINGS—Only about 200 yards left—while it lasts, yard..... 83c
- 50c, 60c and 80c DICE TABLE DAMASK—60 inches wide—white—about 15 pieces last, yard..... 39c
- 50c SCOTCH TURKEY RED DAMASK—64 inches wide—3 pieces only—while it lasts, yard..... 35c
- \$2.00 DOZ. MERCERIZED NAPKINS—21x21-inch size—43 dozen in all, in half dozen lots—while they last, 1/2 dozen for..... 53c

Simmons BROADWAY & MORGAN

HOME NEEDS
Priced unusually low for Wednesday's selling.

- TOILET PAPER—Fine tissue paper—worth 4c per roll..... 30c
- WEDNESDAY, 12 rolls for..... 30c
- FAIRBANK'S GOLD DUST—5c package—Wednesday..... 10c
- GERMAN SALAD BOWLS—Extra deep, blue Meissen decoration—50c value—Wednesday..... 25c
- DECORATED SOUP BOWLS—large size, worth 10c..... 5c
- GLASS SPOON HOLDERS and Creamers—chocolate color—worth 10c—Wednesday..... 5c
- INCANDESCENT GAS LAMPS—Complete with choice of globes—worth 48c—Wednesday..... 25c

Some remarkably good

INFANTS' WEAR
Specials for Wednesday only.

- INFANTS' MUSLIN SLIPS—Made with one-inch hemstitched ruffle around neck and sleeve—good width and full length—25c values—Wednesday..... 18c
- INFANTS' NAINSOOK SLIPS—Made with dainty round yoke of embroidery, finished with nainsook ruffle and edged with Val. lace—50c values—Wednesday..... 39c
- INFANTS' KNIT SACKS—In white, pink and blue—all well made—50c values—while 5 dozen last—Wednesday..... 43c
- INFANTS' TENNIS FLANNEL SACKS—In white, pink and blue—white—finished with buttonhole edge—25c kind—while 5 dozen last—Wednesday..... 18c
- HABIES' HIBS—Round or pointed styles—quilted—laced with lace edge—10c values—more than two to each customer—Wednesday, each..... 5c

Simmons BROADWAY & MORGAN

These bargains are truly too good to miss. Mothers, get here early Wednesday.



The case of Miss Frankie Orser, of Boston, Mass., is interesting to all women.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered misery for several years. My back ached and I had bearing-down pains, and frequent headaches. I would often wake from a restful sleep in such pain and misery that it would be hours before I could close my eyes again. I dreaded the long nights and weary days. I could do no work. I consulted different physicians hoping to get relief, but, finding that their medicines did not cure me, I tried Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it was highly recommended to me. I am glad that I did so, for I soon found that it was the medicine for my case. Very soon I was rid of every ache and pain and restored to perfect health. I feel splendid, have a fine appetite, and have gained in weight a lot."—Miss FRANKIE ORSER, 14 Warrenton St., Boston, Mass.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Surely you cannot wish to remain weak, sick and discouraged, and exhausted with each day's work. Some derangement of the feminine organs is responsible for this exhaustion, following any kind of work or effort. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you just as it has thousands of other women.

DENTISTS

TEETH

EXTRACTED without pain Free by a new method of liquid air; no dangerous drugs or gas given.



Until Feb. 15th we have decided to make our new whalebone plates with best teeth for \$2.00—do not cover root of mouth.

Guaranteed to bite corn off the cob. 20 years' experience.

FULL SET OF TEETH, Gold Plate, \$25
BEST SET OF TEETH..... \$25
2K GOLD CROWNS..... \$25
GOLD FILLINGS..... \$1 up
SILVER FILLINGS..... 25c
Remember, we are not to be outdone.

CHICAGO DENTAL PALACE

Of New York and Boston.
St. Louis Office, 513 Olive St.
Over Aloes.
Open daily; evenings till 9. Sundays, 9 to 4.

Reliable No Delay. Dentistry

Best Set of Teeth..... \$25
PAINLESS EXTRACTION.
VITALIZED AIR FREE.

Gold Crowns, 22k..... \$25.00
All work done by graduate dentists.

Bridge-work..... \$25.00
Work guaranteed for 30 years.

Soft Filling Free.
Bring this ad and get one Gold Filling Free.

Don't be humbugged by high-priced dentists.

UNION DENTAL COLLEGE,
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LEADING
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509 OLIVE ST.
Established 44 years. All work guaranteed.

Notice: Do not go to the Fair Dentists who advertise cheap work for they are not reliable, and their prices are more than ours and the work not good. Come to us and get the most reliable work done at the lowest price.

Remember it is the New York Dental Rooms, 509 Olive St. Open daily from 8 to 6. Sunday from 9 to 1.

TEETH

Porcelain and Gold-Crowned Bridge-work. Painless extracting. Gas Given. Plates of all kinds. Prices moderate.

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R. E. Cor. 8th and Locust Streets, St. Louis.

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415 LOCUST STREET.
Hours: 10 to 6. Work guaranteed. 30 years' experience.

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Simmons Hardware Co. BROADWAY STORE.

More Bargains in Chinaware

Everything offered in our Clearance Sale is from our regular stock, which is the best guarantee we can give of its worthiness. The superior quality of these wares and the big price reductions, are forceful features unmistakably appealing to every housekeeper.

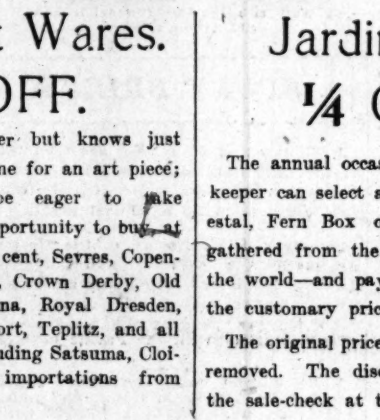
Complete Dinner Sets, 1/4 Off.

- \$ 7.50 Dinner Sets now..... \$ 5.65
- \$11.50 Dinner Sets now..... \$ 8.65
- \$10.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$ 7.50
- \$20.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$15.00
- \$35.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$26.25
- \$55.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$41.25
- \$57.50 Dinner Sets now..... \$43.15
- \$75.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$56.25
- \$85.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$63.75
- \$90.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$67.50
- \$125.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$93.75
- \$300.00 Dinner Sets now..... \$225.00



Statuary and Bronzes. 1/4 OFF.

Not a housekeeper but knows just the niche in her home for an art piece; not one but will be eager to take advantage of this opportunity to buy at a discount of 25 per cent. Serres, Copenhagen, Royal Berlin, Crown Derby, Old Vienna, Royal Vienna, Royal Dresden, Royal Bonn, Coalport, Teplitz, and all Japanese wares, including Satsuma, Cloisonne and other importations from Japan.



Rich Cut Glass. 1/4 OFF.

The annual occasion when the housekeeper can select a fine Jardiniere, Pedestal, Fern Box or Umbrella Stand—gathered from the leading potteries of the world—and pay a quarter less than the customary price.

The original price marks have not been removed. The discounts are taken off the sale-check at the time of purchase.



Fancy Plates. 1/4 OFF.

Greatest variety you ever saw—we have them in French, Italian, Copenhagen, etc., in fancy designs and historical subjects.

Also a large collection of Game and Flower Plaques, for dining room and sideboard decoration—exquisitely decorated, some hand painted—your choice now at one-fourth less than regular prices.



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FOR EARLY SPRING HEATING USE GAS GRATES.

Have You Ordered? Why Not?

See samples in operation at

GAS OFFICE,
716 LOCUST ST.

Word to us will bring full information to your door.

"GREATER CITY WILL ARISE FROM THE ASHES OF THE OLD ONE"

—Baltimore Sentiment Today.

"WE SHALL MAKE OF THIS CALAMITY A FUTURE BLESSING," SAYS MAYOR

BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—Mayor McLane, when asked for a statement today, dictated the following:

"Baltimore will now enter undaunted into the task of resurrection. A greater and more beautiful city will arise from the ruins, and we shall make of this calamity a future blessing. We are staggered by the terrible blow, but we are not discouraged, and every energy of the city as a municipality and its citizens as private individuals will be devoted to a rehabilitation that will not only prove the stuff we are made of but be a monument to the American spirit."

After a meeting of the representatives of insurance companies today, it was announced that they estimate the loss at \$125,000,000 with insurance to the amount of \$90,000,000.

Though 75 Business Blocks and \$125,000,000 Are in Ashes and 25,000 Out of Employment, Baltimore Faces the Future With High Hopes

INSURANCE COMPANIES SAY THEY WILL LOSE \$80,000,000

Martial Law Prevails and Soldiers Will Protect the Millions in the Fireproof Vaults of the Great Banks—Resume of the Damage.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—The city at last finds itself free of fire. Only here and there in the heaps of ruins and high on the blackened walls of the skyscrapers are to be seen the flickering flames—the remnants of the blast that must burn themselves out. Clouds of smoke still rise mountain high above the city, but the peril has passed. The flames are held within such limits that they cannot start again on their march of ruin.

If St. Louisans will imagine a fire that started at Grand avenue, destroyed every building on both sides of Olive street to the river and all the buildings on the south to Chouteau avenue, with the fringe of those on the north, they will have an adequate conception of the calamity that has visited Baltimore.

Seventy-five city blocks were swept clean. The property loss is not so great in Baltimore as such a fire would entail in St. Louis, but, relatively, the situation is the same.

The fire has eaten the heart out of the business section of the city. It has swept down both sides of Baltimore street for block after block.

Where Sunday great skyscrapers—the financial and office buildings of the city—stood are now heaps of crumbling ruins. Banks, newspapers, telegraph offices, wholesale houses, trust companies, stores, warehouses and many of an older class of dwellings are gone.

Twenty-five hundred separate buildings were destroyed before the fire burned itself out on the western edge and along the side of Jones' Falls, the sluggish stream that runs through the city.

The property loss is estimated at between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000. But that is merely a guess. It will be weeks before anybody can tell to a certainty.

Twenty-five thousand men and women are

out of employment. The insurance companies have to meet the greatest losses they have encountered since the Chicago fire.

It is expected that eleven local fire insurance companies will fail. Many of the New York, New England and the western and foreign companies will be extremely hard hit.

There are hundreds of ruined merchants. It will take years to restore the city. And with it all, Baltimore is not cast down.

"We will rebuild. We will become a greater city. A new business Baltimore will rise on the ashes of the old."

That is the sentiment of the leading men of the city. They are appalled at the calamity that has befallen them, but they have courage.

The great wholesale and financial center of the city, together with oyster packing houses, small stores, lumber yards, docks, mail houses, florists, the granite office buildings, were wiped out in 24 hours as if they had been figures on a slate and a wet sponge had been passed over them.

Busy Baltimore street is a wilderness of twisted iron beams, tangled trolley and telegraph wires, crumbling brick, crushed glass, bent and battered sheet iron and other wreckage.

SOLDIERS GUARD CITY.

The side streets, from the corner of Sharpe and Liberty to Baltimore, and to the harbor, are in similar wreck.

Soldiers stand with fixed bayonets at the corners of the streets leading to the burned district. The city is under martial law. All the saloons are closed. A legal holiday has been declared.

The flames were so fierce, the heat so intense, that supposedly fireproof structures like the Continental Trust building, the Equitable and the Calvert buildings were ruined in minutes.

In several instances buildings seemed to melt as if they were made of ice. The flames burst in the windows, and water had no effect. It was turned to steam before it reached the fire.

The flames fairly leaped across the streets. A strong wind was blowing, at times reaching a picture with an accompaniment like artillery that put everybody into silence.

The closing of the saloons kept the throngs in the streets sober and quiet. They walked around from one side of the scene to the other, cheered the firemen occasionally, joked with the young fellows in the militia and had a pretty good time, although many of them were out of position and had had a pretty good time making money again.

During the excitement Sunday night there were a great many merchants who moved their stocks from their stores into the streets. The looting began shortly after dark, but as soon as it is reported to Gen. Riggs and the chief of police, if necessary, any man caught looting.

About 60 extra police came from Washington and 250 uniformed men, with plain clothes men, from Philadelphia. The thieves were so scared by this demonstration of the police and the firemen that the Washington and Philadelphia men were sent home early Monday morning.

INSURANCE ESTIMATED AT OVER \$90,000,000.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—As the chief insurance companies involved in the Baltimore losses have general offices here, the insurance end of the great fire is of absorbing interest to the money districts.

Conservative adjusters place their loss at 75 per cent of the loss sustained by Baltimore. This latter varies from \$50,000,000 to \$125,000,000. New York and foreign companies carry about three-quarters of all the Baltimore policies.

At a conference of agents of the large companies held here and at which the reports so far secured from the burned district were considered, it was conservatively estimated that the losses would reach between \$80,000,000 and \$90,000,000 of insured property.

One concern alone, which has found an extensive business in the South, figured its losses at \$1,300,000. One of the smallest in this city is certain its share of the payments to be made will reach \$50,000.

At the office of the National Board of Underwriters, it was said that the losses would approximate \$90,000,000.

So far as the best rough guesses obtainable showed, many of the companies had the following amounts of insurance involved in the conflagration district with the large chance that the losses are total:

Royal of Liverpool	\$1,000,000
Sea of London	1,000,000
Liverpool and London and Globe	125,000
North British and Mercantile (Rag and)	800,000
Gen. of London	800,000
Commercial Union of London—Commer-	500,000
cial Union of New York	500,000
German-American of New York	500,000
Queen	500,000
Atlas	500,000

Harford 500,000
National and Fire Insurance Companies 500,000
Estimates of losses sustained by other companies run from \$471,000 by the Home of New York to \$10,000 by the Mercantile of Boston.

Two of the Baltimore companies, the Home and the Security, sent messages to their agents in this city to suspend business.

BALTIMORE PAPERS NOW PRINTED IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Baltimore papers are being printed in this city. The manager of the Baltimore Sun was notified by the police shortly after 9 o'clock

Sunday night that they would dynamite the Sun building to stop, if possible, the progress of the flames. Arrangements were at once made by wire for the privilege of using the entire plant of the Evening Star, in this city, and a special train arrived here at 11:30 p. m. bringing a complete newspaper outfit, so far as labor is concerned, comprising reporters, stereotypers, foremen and compositors.

Before midnight the compositors were performing their accustomed work in the Star building.

Shortly before 3 o'clock word came to them that the Sun building had been destroyed.

An eight-page paper was brought out before 6 o'clock. The usual size is 12 pages. Matrices for five pages were brought from Baltimore, but it was found that it would be necessary to reset all these and the extra work could not be performed.

Three other Baltimore papers were installed here during the day. The Herald and the News were given accommodations by the Washington Post. The Washington Times placed its plant at the disposal of the American. The Sun, American and the Herald will accordingly be issued here in the morning, and the News in the afternoon.

The Baltimore News has purchased the plant of the late Philadelphia Times, and has begun shipping it to Baltimore.

Residence Section Untouched.

Of the great region swept by the fire, curiously enough, no part was devoted to residences, so the sheltering of homeless is no part of the city's problem. In the fire areas are embraced the financial district, a considerable portion of the wholesale district, an area given over to brokers of va-

rious kinds and a large shipping district along the wharves. In the wholesale district, at the northwestern corner of the zone, were located many of the wholesale dry goods merchants and corner of the first zone, an important Baltimore industry. Adjacent to this was a high-class retail district, with most of the principal jewelry, furniture and piano establishments. Practically every office building in the city was destroyed, along with the banks and trust companies in the financial district.

After an investigation it is announced that the vaults of the Continental Trust Co., which contain securities to the value of \$20,000,000, are intact. The vaults of the Maryland Trust Co. and those of the Mercantile Trust Co. have not been damaged in the least. The bank of Brown Bros., directly in the path of the flames, practically escaped without loss.

Sixth,
Seventh,

Bauer's

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Olive,
Locust.

FINAL AND ABSOLUTE CLEARANCE OF

Women's Winter Coats and Furs

"All garments must be sold the same season they are bought," is the iron-clad rule in this department of women's wear, and in our anxiety for the quick riddance of every Winter Coat and Fur we have made enormous reductions. Two months yet to wear these Coats, and next fall the styles will still be good. Read:

\$2.00 for Women's \$6.50 Winter Coats

An immense stock of Women's Winter Coats to be closed out at once. This season's newest and best styles—all lengths—all materials—fine Kezeys, Zibelines, Chevots, Broadcloths and Fancy Mixtures—all colors, black, blue, castor, tan and brown—all sizes from 32 to 46—to be closed out one-half and less.

\$2.00 for Women's \$6.50 Winter Coats.	\$8.00 for Women's \$14.50 Winter Coats.
\$2.75 for Women's \$7.50 Winter Coats.	\$10.00 for Women's \$20.00 Winter Coats.
\$3.50 for Women's \$8.00 Winter Coats.	\$12.75 for Women's \$25.00 Winter Coats.
\$5.00 for Women's \$10.00 Winter Coats.	\$14.50 for Women's \$30.00 Winter Coats.
\$5.50 for Women's \$12.50 Winter Coats.	\$20.00 for Women's \$37.50 Winter Coats.

\$6.50 for Women's \$12.50 Velvet Coats

About 100 fine Velvet Coats, silk and satin lined—all styles, all sizes—to be closed out as follows—

\$6.50 for Women's \$12.50 Velvet Coats.	\$14.75 for Women's \$35.00 Velvet Coats.
\$10.00 for Women's \$20.00 Velvet Coats.	\$20.00 for Women's \$37.50 Velvet Coats.
\$16.50 for Women's \$30.00 Velvet Coats.	\$30.00 for Women's \$55.00 Velvet Coats.
\$37.50 for Women's \$65.00 Velvet Coats.	

Imported Evening Wraps at One-Third Regular Prices

The balance of our Paris and Berlin Importations of Evening and Reception Coats and Wraps are to be cleared at one-third and less—all noted makers represented—all high-class garments in perfect condition.

\$20.00 for \$65.00 Imported Wraps.	\$30.00 for \$95.00 Imported Wraps.	\$40.00 for \$120.00 Imported Wraps.
\$50.00 for \$150.00 Imported Wraps.	\$75.00 for \$225.00 Imported Wraps.	

Women's Fur Coats

This will be a great clearing of high-class Fur Coats—made of genuine Alaska seal, Persian lamb, squirrel, mink, beaver and otter, both plain and trimmed—perfect garments, to be sold out as follows—

\$12.75 for \$30.00 Fur Coats.	\$25.00 for \$60.00 Fur Coats.	\$50.00 for \$100.00 Fur Coats.
\$30.00 for \$45.00 Fur Coats.	\$100.00 for \$150.00 Fur Coats.	\$150.00 for \$225.00 Fur Coats.
\$50.00 for \$75.00 Fur Coats.	\$125.00 for \$200.00 Fur Coats.	\$250.00 for \$375.00 Fur Coats.

\$1.25 for \$5.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas

Fur Scarfs and Boas of all furs and in all styles—gray lynx, marten, Icelandic sable and blue fox, mole, squirrel, mink, beaver, otter, Persian lamb, natural opossum and Belgian lynx—to be sold out as follows—

\$1.25 for \$5.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas.	\$7.50 for \$15.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas.
\$2.25 for \$4.50 Fur Scarfs and Boas.	\$10.00 for \$20.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas.
\$4.50 for \$9.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas.	\$12.50 for \$25.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas.
\$5.00 for \$10.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas.	\$15.00 for \$30.00 Fur Scarfs and Boas.

\$7.50 for \$15.00 Fur Sets

Fur Sets (Boas and Muffs) of all descriptions and of all known furs—perfectly matched, highest quality—to be sold out at half and less.

\$7.50 for \$15.00 Fur Sets.	\$10.00 for \$20.00 Fur Sets.	\$15.00 for \$30.00 Fur Sets.
\$17.50 for \$35.00 Fur Sets.	\$25.00 for \$50.00 Fur Sets.	

\$2.00 for \$5.00 Fur Muffs

About 200 fine, high-class Muffs (both flat and round shapes) of all furs—genuine mink, marten, Persian lamb, sable, Isabella and blue fox, gray and black lynx, southern beaver, squirrel and chinchilla—to be cleared out as follows—

\$2.00 for \$5.00 Fur Muffs.	\$6.00 for \$10.00 Fur Muffs.	\$15.00 for \$25.00 Fur Muffs.
\$4.00 for \$7.50 Fur Muffs.	\$10.00 for \$20.00 Fur Muffs.	\$20.00 for \$35.00 Fur Muffs.

Three Great Sales in the Basement Tomorrow

The Picture Sale

19c for Pictures worth 50c and 75c. Dainty Little Framed Pictures, Photo Effects, every one of them being very choice. On sale tomorrow, 19c.

35c for Pictures worth 75c and \$1 each, in choice Carbon Photographs, Photo Colors, etc., all richly framed and especially well finished. Early buyers will get best choosing tomorrow, as these pictures will sell quickly at the price, 35c.

\$1.49 for Etchings worth \$3. Artist Proof Etchings in beautiful gold frames with ornamental colors and white mats, pictures that are sold everywhere at \$3 and well worth that price; a good variety of subjects to choose from—special tomorrow, \$1.49.

\$1.98 for Pictures worth from \$2.50 to \$5 each, consisting of Pastels, Water Colors, Etchings, Carbon Photos, Colored Photos, etc., in Game Pictures, Dutch Scenes, Landscapes, Ideal Heads, Famous Court Beauties and other popular subjects. These pictures would be excellent values at the original prices; great bargains at \$1.98.

\$3.95 for Pictures worth \$5 each, including Fine Hand-Made Pastels and Choice Carbon Photographs in a large variety of square, oval and oblong frames, many designs and styles—while the lot lasts, \$3.95.

\$5.00 for Pictures worth \$9 to \$12 each, in Pastels, French Photographs, Water Colors and Hand Colored Photographs. These pictures can be had in a variety of beautiful frames and represent many noted subjects and scenes; during this sale, \$5.00.

\$7.50 for Pictures worth \$12 to \$15, including large and beautifully finished Etchings of various subjects, English Coaching and Hunt Pictures, Fine Nest Colored Photographs and Handsome Pastels; extra special at \$7.50.

Coffee and Tea Pots



1-quart size, value 45c, for 22c
1½-quart size, value 50c, for 25c
2-quart size, value 60c, for 28c
3-quart size, value 75c, for 34c

Pudding Pans

3-quart size, value 30c, for 13c
Tea Kettles, 7-quart size, value \$1.25, for 63c
Tea Kettles, 8-quart size, value \$1.50, for 75c

The Graniteware Sale

Dish Pans



Round Dish Pans, 8 quarts, value 60c, for 27c
Round Dish Pans, 10 quarts, for 30c
Round Dish Pans, 14 quarts, value 75c, for 37c
Round Dish Pans, 17 quarts, value 85c, for 42c

Rice Boilers

1½ quarts, value 85c, for 45c
2½ quarts, value \$1.15, for 67c

Sauce Pans

STRAIGHT AND COVERED.

2-quart size, value 38c, for 19c
3-quart size, value 45c, for 23c
4-quart size, value 55c, for 27c

Colanders



10-inch size, value 35c, for 18c
10½-inch size, value 50c, for 25c
11½-inch size, value 60c, for 29c

Milk Pans

1-quart size, value 20c, for 7c
3-quart size, value 28c, for 12c
4-quart size, value 30c, for 15c

Roasting Pans

8x10½, value 50c, for 25c
8x12, value 60c, for 30c
9x13, value 70c, for 35c
9x14, value 75c, for 38c
10x15, value 80c, for 42c

Cuspidors

Cuspidor, value 25c, for 13c

Stove Pots

7-quart size, for 63c
9-quart size, for 74c

Foot Baths

Oval Foot Baths, No. 1, value \$1.00, for 69c
Oval Foot Baths, No. 2, value \$1.25, for 79c

Chamber Pails

10-quart, value \$1.00, for 69c

Chambers

Medium size, value 50c, for 25c

The Cut Glass Sale

LOT 1—Cut-Glass Whisky Tumblers, values are positively \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00 per dozen; your unrestricted choice tomorrow, each 10c

LOT 2—Table Tumblers in a variety of rich and beautiful cuttings, all the new designs; regular prices \$3 and \$4 per dozen; your unrestricted choice tomorrow for, each 19c

LOT 3—Champagne Tumblers, Apollinaris Tumblers, Handled Lemonade Glasses, Whisky Glasses, Cocktail Glasses and full-size Water Tumblers, in a large variety of very rich cuttings; values \$4.50 to \$6.00 per dozen; your unrestricted choice tomorrow for, each 25c

LOT 4—Table Tumblers, Apollinaris Tumblers and Champagne Tumblers; values \$5.00 to \$7.00 per dozen; your unrestricted choice tomorrow for, each 35c

LOT 5—Beautiful Cut-Glass Table Tumblers in a large variety of cuttings including all the new designs; these are sold regularly at \$8 per dozen; your unrestricted choice tomorrow for, each 45c

LOT 6—Table Tumblers, Champagne Tumblers, Apollinaris Tumblers; actual values \$8.00 and \$10.00 per dozen; your unrestricted choice tomorrow for, each 50c

Basting Spoons



10-inch, value 10c, for 6c
12-inch, value 12c, for 7c

Stew Pans

2-quart size, value 35c, for 19c
5-quart size, value 50c, for 24c
8-quart size, value 65c, for 33c

Drinking Cups

Drinking Cups, 1-pint size, value 15c, for 8c
Drinking Cups, value 12c, for 6c
Miners' Cups, 1-quart size, value 35c, for 19c

Covered Buckets

3-quart size, for 24c
4-quart size, for 29c

RISING BREAST

And many other painful and serious ailments from which most mothers suffer, can be avoided by the use of "Mother's Friend." This great remedy is a God-send to women, carrying them through their most critical ordeal with safety and no pain. No woman who uses "Mother's Friend" need fear the suffering and danger incident to birth; for it robs the ordeal of its horror and insures safety to life of mother and child, and leaves her in a condition more favorable to speedy recovery. The child is also healthy, strong and good natured. Our book "Motherhood" is worth its weight in gold to every woman, and will be sent free in plain envelope by addressing application to Bradfield Regulator Co. Atlanta, Ga.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

WHAT IS CATARRH—?

When we talk of "Catarrh" you must not think we mean only that form of catarrh which affects the nose and throat, and is very similar to a bad cold. Catarrh is a disease that attacks any part of the body, wherever the mucous membrane extends, and that is practically all over the entire system, for the mucous membrane is the delicate lining of all the organs of the body.

Catarrh is inflammation and congestion of the mucous membrane wherever located.

Consequently you can have catarrh in any part of the body. Your back may ache or you may have headaches, a disordered stomach or bladder trouble. Possibly there are no acute symptoms and you are merely run down and worn out—so miserable that you feel tired of life.

NEED NATURE'S WARNING.

All these are symptoms of catarrh. They are Nature's warning that some part of the mucous membranes has become inflamed and the little cells stopped up with poisonous secretions.

Rexall Mucu-Tone was created to correct these unhealthy conditions.

PROMPT, HEALTHY STIMULATION Mucu-Tone, working through the bloodvessels, is carried by them direct to the inflamed membranes. Here it drives out the poisons and allays the inflammation.

If you try Mucu-Tone for any of the troubles above described and it doesn't do what we claim, all you have to do is to say so and we will hand you back your money without question.

Sold only at our store. Large bottle, 89 cents.

WOLFF-WILSON DRUG CO.,
S. E. Cor. Sixth St. and Washington Av.



SAYS MUCU-TONE SURELY CURES CATARRH.

"I feel as if every one who suffers from catarrhal affections should know of the merits of Mucu-Tone. It surely cures catarrh, as I can testify. I had for a long time been a sufferer from nasal and bronchial catarrh, and had tried local treatments and so-called catarrh cures without any lasting benefit. A friend of mine who had been cured of catarrh of the stomach by the use of Mucu-Tone urged me to try that remedy. As a result I am entirely cured not only of catarrh but of the debility which seems always more or less associated with the disease."

C. F. Ritchel
Bridgeport, Conn.

Professor Ritchel has made a remarkable record as an inventor. It was he who gave the world the original roller skate. He was also the inventor of a brush making machine which revolutionized the brush making industry.

"After suffering for two years with pain in the back, and having tried all other remedies without obtaining any relief, I saw your advertisement of Rexall Mucu-Tone and got a sample. It did so much good that I kept using it. Several bottles effected a perfect cure, leaving no pain whatever. My husband, also, is a very hard man to get relief from pain, but nothing has cured him like Rexall."

Mrs. E. M. T. Tinsley
6 Beaver St., Arlington, Mass.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

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War maps are again within the reach of all.

The reduction in plate glass wages is no sign of a crash.

Buddlers are not afraid of currency germs. They are paid in new, "crisp" notes.

Is it the "mandate of civilization" that "kangaroo promotion" is to be continued in the army?

MR. FOLK'S DIVIDED ENERGIES

Despite the fact that the verdict in the Butler case was reached under the forms of law, with fair rulings which afforded ample opportunity for an impartial trial, there is profound disappointment with the result on the part of the people, coupled with corresponding rejoicing on the part of all in sympathy with the corrupt elements and the strengthening of the forces that make for corruption. The disappointment is increased by the impression that the prosecution failed to meet the demands of the occasion.

Admitting that the defense developed unexpected strength, it must also be admitted that the prosecution developed weakness which suggested an apparent lack of thorough preparation and resolute aggression. The unexpected strength of the defense merely emphasizes the failure of the prosecution to meet the emergency. It should have been thoroughly prepared for all emergencies. An emergency should have called out extraordinary and aggressive exertion.

The result of this trial recalls and gives special significance to the comment and warning of the Post-Dispatch when Mr. Folk first announced his candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. After his St. Joseph speech, the Post-Dispatch said:

"But the most serious consequence of Mr. Folk's departure from his previous policy, in entering upon an active campaign for the governorship, is the possible effect upon his work as a prosecutor of hoodlums and bribees, many of whom are influential in the Democratic party. Assuming that Mr. Folk is able to withstand the powerful pulls in favor of compromise with the political forces allied with lobbyists and corruptionists, the subtle and insidious but no less potent influences within himself and upon him to weaken his resolution and blur his vision of duty, he will still suffer loss of strength as a prosecutor of corrupt public officials and their influential allies."

The Butler case concerning the lighting deal was the most important of all the bribery cases. It marked the crisis of the hoodlum prosecutions. Circuit Attorney Folk regarded it as the strongest of any of his cases and insisted upon the possibility of only one result—conviction. The verdict in favor of Butler signifies in the minds of the public the triumph of the forces Butler represents. It gives fresh encouragement to the corrupt combines in politics and in official circles.

Mr. Folk lost this critical battle with a record of its conduct which at least suggests grave doubt that the result might not have been changed by more thorough preparation and better direction, and with a strong impression that he was lacking in preparedness and aggressive capacity to utilize the state's opportunities.

On account of his political campaign the circuit attorney has confined his official labors principally to the prosecution of bribery cases, yet in the most important of these he went into court not prepared at all points to attack the line of defense.

There could not be a better demonstration of the wisdom and justice of the Post-Dispatch's warning utterance. How is it possible for a public official to give the labor and close attention required for the legal prosecution of a great battle against the most powerful forces of corruption, when his attention is distracted and his energies are dissipated by a bitter campaign for another office? The proper place for a public official charged with duties of great responsibility and labor is his own office. His proper work is the work of his office, not the work of scrambling for political honors. This is especially true when the work of an official is the gigantic task of enforcing the law and punishing the guilty against a tremendous combination of powerful influences. An official in this position cannot combine a legal and a political struggle without disastrous consequences.

The public sometimes hears from Chief Kiely in glittering generalities about police work, but it does not hear that he has put words into action at points where police action is urgently needed. One of these points is the neighborhood of Union Station, where swindling barbers shops and other "hold-up" schemes rob the strangers who come to St. Louis and thus give St. Louis a bad reputation abroad at a time when a good reputation is most desirable. Incalculable damage is done to the city by the robbers who infest the Union Station neighborhood, apparently unmolested by the police. Police action properly directed would rid the city of these damaging pests, and if the police department really wants to gain a reputation for efficiency it can accomplish more by well-directed activity to this end than by a volume of "guff" and "clever" stories.

LUMINOUS IDEAS.

A brief mention was made in Sunday's Post-Dispatch of the wonderful N-rays discovered by M. Augustin Charpentier and described by him recently in a paper read before the Paris Academy of Sciences.

These N-rays are emitted by the human body and have been studied by means of screens coated with a chemical substance which becomes phosphorescent under the stimulus of the rays.

It is found that the various brain centers, of speech, sight, touch, etc., give off these rays with marked activity whenever the functions which they control are in use. Thus, when a person speaks, the region of the brain known as the center of Broca is aroused and emits new N-rays.

It is noteworthy that many of our forms of speech thus receive scientific sanction. When we speak of "luminous ideas," "bright thoughts," "penetrating words," "lucid emotions," etc., we are not using merely figurative language. We emit a kind of luminosity, which has heretofore been invisible to the eyesight because the necessary receiver for its display had not been discovered.

Mr. Rockefeller would be greatly shocked if Tennessee indictments against the great oil monopoly should result in a fine of \$5000 and 10 years' imprisonment for any agent of the monopoly, but he would not miss the money. He has only to increase the price of oil to pay the highest fines that can be imposed.

A FOOTPAD WHO FAILED.

At the early age of 19 years—the age at which Bryant immortalized his name by writing "Thanatopsis"—Andrew Yates feels that he is a failure.

Mr. Yates aspired to be a real bad man—a highwayman, in fact—and to earn a living 'e'en at the pistol's mouth. Nothing could be easier, it seemed to him, than the cry of "Hands up!" and the immediate extraction of gold watches, greenbacks and negotiable notes from the pockets of his numerous victims nightly. Why labor, he asked himself, when an industrious footpad could go out almost any evening and gather more wealth in fifteen minutes than he could make by working in two weeks?

This sounded like good reasoning to young Mr. Yates, so he applied himself with the usual paraphernalia and started upon an ambitious get-rich-quick career. But he did not get far. His nerve failed him. One of his intended victims, he tells us, and he will be blamed, he says, would or could rob a dog of its breakfast.

Is a question as to what caused the collapse of the am-

bition of Mr. Yates at the very beginning of his proposed career. Did he suddenly recall the fact that ten or fifteen bold highwaymen have been sent to the penitentiary from St. Louis recently, or did he believe that his self-possession would desert him at the crucial moment when vox populi should call to him to enter upon a histrionic career?

The news of the naval attack on Port Arthur shows that Japan lost no time in opening vigorous hostilities after closing diplomatic relations with Russia. The Associated Press bulletin published exclusively by the Post-Dispatch in this morning's extra indicates a great battle at Port Arthur with the heaviest losses on the Japanese side, although the details are too meager to form an accurate judgment of the results. The fact that the news comes wholly through Russian hands from St. Petersburg increases the difficulty of judging its fullness and exactness. But there is no doubt that a great battle was fought and that both sides were badly hurt. The opening points to a swift and destructive conflict which, it is to be hoped, will be confined to the two nations engaged.

A bill retiring and pensioning supreme court judges who have reached the age of 70, and who have served for 16 years continuously, has been introduced in the New York legislature. It also provides that a judge who has served 25 years and attains the age of 65, and who voluntarily retires, shall also be given a pension. There is a considerable expansion of the pension idea in the United States. It will never be so expanded, however, that all faithful workers will be pensioned.

Today is the anniversary of the birth of Samuel J. Tilden, but many Democrats have been too busy to remember the date. Washington, Lincoln, Greeley and Tilden were all Februarians.

Judge Grosscup is urging his party to take immediate steps for legislative control of the large corporations now formed and being formed in this country. Has a vibration from Iowa hit the judge?

It is the modern policy of great powers to make conditions that force war and compel the weaker power to begin the fighting. It is not the first gun that starts a war in our day.

Even Mr. Root admits that we were unwise in taking the Philippines from Spain.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP-SHOTS.

St. Louisans get gay when they read that Boston, the Inimitable, is to have a municipal exhibit at the greatest Exposition.

Tom Paine made the Declaration of Independence possible, but Mr. Paine's portrait will not appear on any Purchase Exposition postage stamps.

Don't tell it up north that there has at any time been 10 inches of snow in St. Louis this year. That little bit of winter would subject us to ridicule there.

The wonders of the Pike will be a great feature of opening day. It will advertise itself from the beginning. It is to be the greatest midway of the greatest Exposition.

Many applications for positions at the World's Fair are dropped into the waste basket because of abominable spelling. It might be well to have a spelling school on the grounds as a practical educational exhibit.

Because a No. 13 automobile license was refused, the city issued in its stead No. 19. As there are three threes and a one in 19, which must make it a sort of triple 13, it will be well to keep an eye on that auto.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS.

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No bets decided. Don't sign "Subscriber" or "Constant Reader;" one initial is enough. Address all letters, "Answers, Post-Dispatch, City."

G.—No premium on 1894 dime.

PAT.—Breweries in St. Louis, 31.

S. F. B.—We wear of no roller skating.

HEN P. SHARP.—What can repairing?

ETHEL.—Send valentines on Saturday.

J. J. B.—No premium on 1829 half dollar.

OKLAHOMA.—Horse show, Oct. 6 to 11, 1903.

CONSTANT.—No premium on 1884 half dollar.

L.—Write Gov. Thomas B. Ferguson, Guthrie.

A. A.—No premium on any half-eagle after 1824.

W. D.—Your coin is sound; no premium.

H. L.—No premium on any Columbian half-dollar.

M. FRIEDMAN.—First day Chicago Fair, May 1, 1893.

READER.—Mrs. Maybrick did not give birth to a child in prison.

INVESTOR.—We do not make such recommendations as you ask.

MRS. F. J.—Ask at Woman's Training School, Eighteenth and Locust.

H. B.—Hyde Park measures 11.84 acres. There are 43,660 square feet in an acre.

A. R. V.—Ask at music stores or Public Library for "In the Village by the Sea."

WM. DAVIDSON.—Write Norris B. Gregg, director of concessions, World's Fair.

K. G. G.—See Public Library for lists of authors and their works. Muse of tragedy, Melpomene.

SUB.—Average amount of water, on a level, equaling an inch of snow, about one-tenth of an inch.

STELLA.—"I ride for a car ticket" is correct if you mean that you pay your fare with a car ticket.

G. J. S.—Pronounce Mikado, mi-ka-do, accenting second syllable and sounding a as in arm and o as in no.

R. J. C.—Roller inspection meet in City Hall every Thursday afternoon. Apply there. Cost of license, 12.

O. O.—If a "lady and gent" are keeping "steady company," it is not improper for the lady to ask the gent to call.

D. E. ERNEST.—Ohio World's Fair officers: Wm. F. Burdell, Columbus; Stacy B. Rankin, executive commissioner.

B.—Attendance Chicago day, Oct. 9, Columbian Exposition, 716,381—largest paid attendance. No premium on 1843 cent.

E. H.—The sample of hair you send is ash blond. We cannot decide complexion from color of eyes, eyebrows and hair.

G. T.—Melbourne to Manila, 4500 miles; Manila to Yokohama, 2000; Hong Kong to Calcutta, 1800. These are not steamship route distances.

B. F.—Write to "Commissioner of the Land Office, Washington, D. C." for full information. A star actor is one who plays the leading part.

REICH.—Premium on 1838 half-dollar, with liberty cap, having O marked under head, \$4.50. No premium on your cents or on Mexican coins.

SUB.—For the article in regard to women being still in a barbaric stage, why not write to Mr. Wiley of the Agricultural Department, himself?

X. Y. Z.—World's Fair flag colors, blue, red, white, yellow—red stripe at top, yellow at bottom and white in the middle; Lily and 13 stars on the blue field.

SUBSCRIBER.—We know of no better explanation of hot springs than the extreme heat of the earth at great depths. Some hot springs are near volcanoes.

L. E. C.—Send your announcement to "Society Editor." A brief, simple form, stating that engagement announcement has been withdrawn would be sufficient.

C. A. ROSS.—"First-day" figures of expositions are scarce; the annals are silent as to "first day." The only "first day" record we have is that of the Chicago Fair—137,557.

A. MATHE.—Discharge from the ear, caused by scarlet fever, has been treated with a saturated solution of boracic acid as directed several times a day with an ear syringe.

R. O. R.—A theater might be built at Twelfth and Locust streets if the tenants would give possession of the ground. Same as to Garrick Theater. No permit has been issued for a 20-story building on Twelfth street.

BOB.—A boy should have eight hours' sleep, whether he retires early or late. Nine o'clock is a good hour for retiring. Too much eating of sweets will certainly disorder the system. Every boy's rule in life should be moderation.

E. S. B.—Appointments for the World's Fair customs service have already been made for all but first grade. At this writing it is not known when the customs service will be so charged. How many will be appointed. All will be employed on the grounds.

A.—This is the new garnish law of Missouri: No sheriff, constable or other officer charged with the collection of money shall, prior to the return day of an execution or other process upon which the same may be made, be liable to be summoned as garnishee, nor shall any country collector, county treasurer or municipal corporation, or any officer thereof, or any administrator, or executor of an estate, prior to an order of distribution, or for payment of legacies, or the allowance of a demand found to be due by his estate, be liable to be summoned as garnishee; nor shall any person be charged as garnishee for more than 10 per cent of any wages due from him to a defendant in his employment for the last 30 days service; provided, such employee is the head of a family and a resident of this state; nor shall any person be so charged by reason of his having drawn, accepted, made or indorsed any promissory note, bill of exchange, draft or other security, in its payment or delivery, and it is the duty of the defendant in such note, bill or other security, was the property of the defendant when the garnish was summoned, and continued so to be until it became due.

JUST A MINUTE

WITH THE POST-DISPATCH POET & PHILOSOPHER

THE DONTBUTT INN.

MY MIND is constant, and I'm still in favor of the Hotel Bill. To furnish comfort, food and rest to every Exposition guest. Who cannot find them elsewhere, And furthermore do I declare the grim necessity that waits For all who step inside those gates, And I am here to raise a din, Attention of the crowd to win, And tell them of a glowing plan I have to aid my fellow man By helping build the Dontbutt Inn.

Ah, here will be a place indeed For every played-out mortal's need! When folks are tired and the roar Of multitudes can please no more; When—what was once a blessed boom—They weary of the broad lagoon; And when the rippling waterfalls No more can please and wonder palls, Then will the people all begin To hunt a nook and dodge the din, And then, as sure as fate is fate, They'll hit the path, with joy elate, That leads them to the Dontbutt Inn.

This place is bound to be a mint, For, truth to tell, there's millions in't. The very name appeals to men In most effective style, and when, A thousand weary miles from home, Footsore, around the fair they roam, Half sick, half famished and half dead, And crave to rest and to be fed, The nearest place is sure to win Their patronage; and they'll begin To swear like bees around the spot Where noises are permitted not, And where there is no putting in.

Harold, the Forsaken.

To the Post-Dispatch Poet and Philosopher: I am a young man 22 years of age, going on twenty, and think I am about as smart as the next one. Some time ago I fell desperately in love with a beautiful widow of 43 summers and wooed her ardently—just how ardently you only can know if you ever fell in love with a widow of that age when you were young and susceptible to the charms of maturity.

Now, inexplicable though it may seem, this princess of my dreams has spurned my proffered love, although I am making \$3 a month, for no other reason, I believe, than that she has her eye on a bald-headed old party who owns a row of houses downtown. She has forbidden me to call at her house any more, and a few days ago, when I threatened to impale myself on a case knife because of her cruel treatment of me, this angel of my heart's desire had me pinched and locked up, to keep me from going the route.

I have just been released, and hasten to you for advice. In the first place, I want to know if you won't write me a poem that will ennoble my heart, and make my yearn to fly to my arms, and in the second place I want to know if I can be imprisoned if I knock about 200 volts of electricity out of a former friend of mine for giving me the equine ha-ha and stating to a bunch I know that I must have been desperate to fall so desperately in love with such a pie-face as that, meaning my cruel loved one. Can I sue him for slander, or ought I to take it out of his hide and trust to luck and Judge Foley?

Hoping for a reply in "Just a Minute," I am, dejectedly, HAROLD HUGGARD.

Ample Reason.

When Shakespeare wrote his deathless plays in good Queen Bess's golden days, He said, "Your coin is sound; no premium." As playwrights since that day have done? The answer is a simple one: Shakespeare was not Clyde Fitch.

There seems to be some question whether it was Gen. Sherman who made that pointed and moneyable remark concerning the nature of war, but there is no doubt about its accuracy.

MADGE—In reply to your question we will say that Helen of Troy was the first woman to take Paris green.

WASHINGTON DAY BY DAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—"There is a man in my district," said Representative "Tom" Kyle, the "Sweet Singer of Ohio," "whose name is Doyle. He is a politician and he has the fatal habit of promising all things to all men. Nobody ever went to him to ask him to get him a job that Doyle did not say, 'Why, yes, I'll get that for you.'"

"Nine times out of ten Doyle doesn't make good, but he goes on promising just the same. Some years ago two Irishmen who worked in a boiler factory in my town were busy riveting. One man was inside the boiler, holding a hammer against the rivets and the other was outside swinging the sledge and making the rivets fast. 'After half an hour's steady pounding the man inside stuck his head out of the boiler and said:

"Say, Pat, did ye hear that they've been after makin' this man Corrigan a cardinal?"

"Are ye tellin' me?" asked Pat; "why, d'ye know, Doyle promised that job to me?"

Representative R. R. Hitt of Illinois, chairman of the powerful committee on foreign affairs, had his luncheon alone today in the House restaurant. It was a frugal luncheon. Mr. Hitt ordered a glass of water and two lumps of sugar. He dropped the two lumps of sugar into the water, stirred vigorously and drank the mixture slowly and with much satisfaction.

Senator Hale of Maine was lecturing on the tariff in the Senate today. "I wish the senator would restrain what I may call these ebullitions," he said. "Senator Spooner, who has had experience in it, says to me it is the impetuosity of youth. We are all in love with the impetuosity of youth. But let us leave it far behind, except the senator from South Carolina."

Whereupon there was one of those choruses that never get into the Congressional Record, when Senators Bailey, Dole and Beveridge, among others, said to Senator Depew, "We don't care, O. we don't care. We're not so old."

The New Walk to Come in at Easter.

It is the Most Graceful of All the Fads in Figure Carriage.



THE new walk, the walk which will come in with the Easter hat, is the springy walk. And to walk it as it should be walked one must learn to spring on the balls of the feet, which are now to be used for bouncing purposes only.

The advantages of this walk are found in its exhilaration. It is also to be found in the splendid exercise which it gives the muscles of the legs and back, and more than all, in the very graceful effect which it has upon a pretty girl's general bearing or carriage.

In the springy walk the weight of the body is divided up. The burden is taken from the legs and is thrown upon the back. Yet the back does not become a burden for the spring comes partly upon the muscles of the abdomen and even the shoulders assist in the springiness.

One can tell the minute one walks with a woman whether she has acquired the springy walk. Her steps are of the bouncing kind, and her body seems full of elasticity.

To get this walk one must own a pair of very flat shoulders. One cannot have the springy walk if one's shoulders are round, or if one's body is bent forward.

One must also have a slender body, for no fat woman was ever able to make her footsteps elastic.

With flat shoulders and a slender figure any woman can learn the new walk. And as soon as she has acquired it she will find that she has acquired along with it a great many other things.

She will find that she has obtained a long, slender waist, and that this long slenderness is one of her chief beauties. She will also find that she has suddenly developed a pair of very wide shoulders and that the wide shoulders are very muscular. She has become a deep breather.

She will also find that she has suddenly come into great strength of body, for the springy walk does a great deal for a woman. It is the best developer that is known.

There are certain exercises which the woman who wants a springy walk should take. One of these is the hip-hop exercise. To get this to perfection put on a gymnasium suit and stand upright and then "hip-hop" as the children do. This is really a greater exercise than bicycling, for it brings more muscles into play.

Health and beauty exercises are five in number. The first is the right-angle exercise and it is to reduce the waist. Stand on one foot and let the other extend out at right angles.

The second is the bicycle exercise, and it is to strengthen a weak back. Lie on the floor and cross the arms. Work the feet as though working the pedals of a bicycle.

The third is the kitten and ball exercise. Throw the ball and run after it. Put on a gymnasium suit and chase the ball around the room. Throw the ball and try to catch it. Bill the ball and try to catch it as it rolls. Keep on doing this until out of breath. This is to assist the heart and lungs.

The fourth is an exercise which can be taken for slenderness. It is the hip-hop exercise, which reduces the weight. This exercise also makes the waist smaller. It also strengthens the muscles of the limbs and back.

The fifth exercise for health and beauty is to flatten the shoulders. Lie on the floor and lift the body, using the muscles only. Let the abdomen and chest rest on the floor. Kick the feet in the air and lift the head. This is the best known thing to straighten round shoulders.

A MOMENT'S MERRIMENT

INCORRIGIBLE.



"You don't seem to be able to keep the children quiet, Maria. Bring them in to me and I'll sing to them."

"O, I've threatened them with that, mum, already, but it don't do any good!"—Hester Wel.

NO USE FOR HIM.

Muggins: I hear that Greening's new melodrama has no villain in it. Critics: It doesn't require any. The play itself is villainous.

THIS MIGHT BE IN ST. LOUIS.



The Judge: Here, I told you to hold up your right hand! Why are you holding 'em both up like that?

The Witness: O, pardon me, your honor. I—have been opt late a good deal recently, and I've got into the habit—Philadelpia Bulletin.

WARLIKE IN SOME CASES.



"That was a queer misprint in a newspaper recently, calling marriage a 'marital contract.'"

"It is, are you sure it was a misprint?"

THAT TIRED KIND.

He: But doesn't my devotion arouse in you some sort of feeling for me?

She: O, yes; the sort for which one takes arsenic in the spring.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

To Cigarette Smoker.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: I am truly sorry for you; I have been "through the mill" myself. There is a large institution in the southeastern portion of this city—part hospital, part asylum (Alexian Brothers' Hospital)—devoted to feeble-minded, unfortunate, imbeciles and persons afflicted with various forms of insanity. There they know exactly what to do for you—perfect rest, even if induced by mind exercises for a time; restraint, diet and tonics—and the confidence in yourself gradually returns as your system regains its normal condition. In two to four weeks you "go out" able to exercise self-control—healthy in mind and body. It amuses an "old-time" cynic to read of a lot of persons who perhaps never drank anything stronger than tea prescribe will power to one in your horrible condition—your nerves shattered and constitution nearly wrecked, insomniac and almost every attendant curse to which excess has brought both mind and body—use "will power" in your system. Take two or three weeks' vacation—rest and more rest—and diet. Then will power, my unfortunate friend, will be yours. J. C. C.

Can Deafness Be Cured?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: It may be that "Old Typo," who asked this question, has merely some mechanical obstruction in his ear passages, which can be removed by a good aurist. Some time ago I found myself getting quite deaf. I went to an ear doctor and he suggested a warm solution into the ear passages, continuing this cleansing process for five or ten minutes. The effect was marvelous; I found my hearing restored, so that I could even hear the rustle of the wind among the leaves—something I had not done for years. I believe this treatment might help many deaf persons. H. M. W. St. Louis.

Citizens as Information Bureaus.

Editor People's Column, Post-Dispatch: Our city will soon be filled with strangers from all parts of the world, many have never been in St. Louis or any city before, and will be at a loss to know how to go anywhere in the city.

This will be a good opportunity to show our hospitality and at the same time add much to the pleasure of our visitors. I offer the following suggestion, so that any society or committee having the stranger's welfare at heart may act upon it if they see fit.

Let there be colored buttons made bearing the words, "St. Louis Citizen. Ask me." Also a large "I" in the center. Let these buttons be given out and worn by the citizens of St. Louis and let them be worn where they may be easily read. Visitors will soon notice them and will not feel any hesitancy in asking questions, for fear that the desired information will not be cheerfully given or that the person is, like himself, a stranger in the city.

This will lessen the flood of questions asked of the bureau of information and the police, and will make the stranger feel that he is a welcome visitor in the city. I saw this plan tried at Dallas, Tex., several years ago at a V. Convention, and it worked nicely.

The cost would be small and the money well spent. The money can be raised by public subscription.

What do others think of the plan? ST. LOUIS. ZENAS.

THIS STORY WILL END FRIDAY

THE GIRL IN RED

Complete in Twelve Installments.

Back Numbers of the Post-Dispatch Containing Previous Chapters of "The Girl in Red" May Be Obtained From Your Newsdealer

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.
Arthur Gray, a young millionaire, falls in love with a mysterious woman whom he calls "The Girl in Red." She is also loved by Simon Farjeon, a banker, who places in her father's house as a spy Jared Symes, man who is under Farjeon's power, and whom the latter forces to force Gray's name. The girl tells Gray that he may win her by guessing her age. A clue to this age will be found, she says, in a combination of the prices paid by her for four purchases in St. Louis stores. To aid him in ascertaining the sum of these purchases Gray enlists the aid of Kathleen Vernon, Miss Vernon is a salesgirl whom Arthur had known in days of prosperity. Her father's will left all his property to her cousin, Simon Farjeon, and Kathleen was obliged to work for a living. Kathleen takes Gray to her home and does not tell the dying woman that her son is a forger.

CHAPTER IX.
The Water Mark.

THE last fact in Arthur Gray's mind that night and the first when he awoke next morning was strangely enough not that of the Girl in Red.

It was, on the contrary, a less radiant beautiful face, but one from which big topaz eyes looked out honestly and unafraid—eyes he had seen swimming with tenderness and divine pity. A face crowned by masses of bronze hair.

Arthur could not imagine why this vision should have usurped in his thoughts the ever-present glowing image of the Girl in Red, and as the days wore on, the latter gradually crept back to her old place in his fancy. Yet the other image was somehow always in the background, and never quite absent from his innermost thoughts.

The scene he had witnessed in Mrs. Carroll's room had done more to enlarge and develop Arthur Gray's ideas and whole nature than had all the rough and tumble experiences of college life or the deliciously dangerous hours passed in the pursuit of the Girl in Red.

Some 4 days after his interview with Jared Symes an idea occurred to him. He remembered what Kathleen Vernon had told him of her father's will, made in Farjeon's favor. He decided to look up the document and see if perchance any legal flaw existed whereby it could be broken.

The certainty that Kathleen would refuse to take advantage of such a flaw and that she would not consent to go against her father's wishes in the matter of the estate did not deter him. With the sublime self-confidence of youth he told sure he could dissuade her from her purpose. Such a girl as she, he thought, should not be compelled to slave behind a counter for a bare livelihood when a fortune was rightfully hers.

An hour later he was seated in the probate clerk's office knitting his brows over the perplexing array of legal verbiage in the will of the late Anthony Vernon. While he was not a lawyer, and had no deep knowledge of such matters the sense of the will seemed to him direct enough.

He resolved to ask Judge Durling, whose firm handled his own estate, to study the will and see if it were incontestable. The fact that it had gone unchallenged to probate did not strike him.

As he was about to lay aside the document a ray of sunlight, piercing the dusty windows left athwart the paper, rendering it for the moment almost transparent. Arthur glanced at it, then looked more closely. Then gripping the page with both hands he held it between him and the light. Lowering it, he looked at a section of the writing and then raised it against the light.

"Good Lord!" he ejaculated softly. "I've hit on something new and no mistake."

The will was dated "December twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred."

In other words, THE PAPER ON WHICH THE WILL WAS WRITTEN HAD BEEN MADE AT A LATER DATE THAN THE ALLEGED WRITING OF THE WILL.

Arthur Gray sat for several minutes staring at the paper.

A Crowded Store

Day after day tells the story of our extraordinary after-season values more convincingly than words.

It's what the people find here, and go out and talk about, that has built our success, and is making our \$8.50 sale of Men's and Youths' Suits and Overcoats the most popular clothing event of the season.

If you see the values we are giving at \$8.50 you'll not marvel at our doing business. They are more than unusual—we doubt if they've ever been equalled in St. Louis.

The MODEL

"Your Money's Worth or Money Back."

Seventh and Washington.

HOW TO TELL THE AGE
OF THE GIRL IN REDFirst Prize - - - Ten Dollars
Ten Prizes of Two Dollars Each.
Ten Prizes of One Dollar Each.

TO begin with, the Girl in Red is in her teens and there is no fraction in her age. She is so many integer years and so many integer months old. You have that information to start with.

Now then, to find her age: There will be twelve chapters in this story and in each chapter three of the numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 will be printed as numbers or figures—not spelled out. One of these numbers is to be selected each day—you must pick one of the three yourself—and when the story is completed add the four selected numbers in the first four chapters, subtract the selected number in the fifth, add the numbers in the sixth, seventh and eighth chapters, subtract the number in the ninth, add the number in the tenth, multiply by the number in the eleventh and divide by the number in the twelfth. The quotient and remainder will be the Girl in Red's age in years and months. And remember she is under twenty. Read the story carefully and you may find therein something that will give you a clue to her age. The number in the first chapter was 8.

Fill out this blank when the story is completed and send it to "Girl in Red" Editor Post-Dispatch, St. Louis, Mo. The story will end Friday, Feb. 12, and the prize winners will be announced Tuesday, Feb. 16.

No. of Chap.	The Right Number	No. of Chap.	The Right Number	No. of Chap.	The Right Number
1	3	5	Subtract	9	Subtract
2	Add	6	Add	10	Add
3	Add	7	Add	11	Multiply by
4	Add	8	Add	12	Divide by

The Girl in Red's Age.....Years.....Months

Sender's Name

Address

ing daily at the paper in his hands.

Then he hurried across Market street to Judge Durling's office and was closeted for half an hour with that dignitary.

"It's clear forgery," said the judge, after he had gone to the probate court and examined the document. This will mean state's prison for Simon Farjeon. I doubt if Miss Vernon will be much the gainer, however, from a financial point of view."

"Why not? The fortune is hers."

"All of it that is left is hers, Mr. Gray, but if the stories I have heard of Farjeon's speculations are true her whole fortune went long ago. All she can hope to win is the knowledge that her father did not disinherit her."

"You mean that she will be as poor as ever?" asked Gray.

"I am afraid so. Still, it should be some comfort to her to know that her father did not condemn her to poverty."

Arthur, eager to be the first to lift from Kathleen's sunny nature this one cloud that had shaded it—the cloud of sorrow at her father's supposed injustice—went straight to the department store. It was 6 o'clock by the time he reached the store, and he was fortunate to meet Kathleen coming out of the building on her way home.

"Good news for you, Mr. Gray!" she cried, on sight of him.

"I've better news for you," he answered. "A month earlier he would have let any news wait while he heard what good fortune she had to relate concerning himself. But now his first thought was of her, and he told her of his wonderful discovery and of Judge Durling's opinion."

At first she could scarce take it all in. When she did, the light in her eyes repaid him a thousand times.

"When he had answered all her questions, he asked:

"Who were your father's lawyers?"

"Ballard & Romaine, Mr. Ballard and he were very dear friends. He never liked or trusted Mr. Romaine. Yet when Mr. Ballard died he left his affairs for the time in Mr. Romaine's hands out of deference to his old friends' memory."

"We must see Romaine at once, Judge Gray."

Durling and I will call on him this evening. Do you know where he lives?"

"Yes, at Windsor Springs."

"The same town where the girl in Red—"

"That reminds me!" interrupted Kathleen. "How careless, how selfish of me to forget your affairs in my own new-found happiness. I told you I had good news for you. Listen, today the Girl in Red made her fourth purchase—the purchase whose amount divided into the sum of the other three gave you her age. She bought a pair of red satin slippers for eight dollars. That divides evenly into the sum of the other three purchases, and the quotient is less than your own age."

She spoke bravely, trying to enter into his joy.

"You have accomplished the quest," she went on rapidly. "You win the women you love and you keep your fortune. Let me be the first to congratulate you and—oh, I do hope you'll both be very, very happy!"

She forced back the tears that were struggling to drown her eyes, and she looked at him, strengthening herself to endure the look of triumphant happiness that she knew must illumine his whole face.

On the contrary, it was a sad, perplexed look that met hers.

"I—I ought to be glad," he said at last. "And, believe me, I thank you with all my heart, Kathleen. I—I can't explain to you just why I'm not happier at the news you bring. I have no right to explain. I—"

He changed the subject abruptly and fell to talking of her own plans.

At a loss to understand her lack of elation, she made no further reference to the Girl in Red.

"I must go with Judge Durling and yourself to Mr. Romaine's tonight," she insisted, despite his remonstrances.

Through the early darkness that evening a station carriage bore three people along a winding road leading northward from Windsor Springs.

The driver had said he knew the Romaine house well, and as the vehicle moved onward an odd thought came to Gray.

MAE.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

I. Once a pretty maid named Mae.
(Entre nous) was heard to say:

II. "Single blessedness is tough—
I have stood it long enough!"

III. "Just as sure as my name's Mae
I shall marry right away!"

IV. In due time this little dame
Lost the "e" off her front name!

UGHT TO WORK BOTH WAYS.
Reporter (for Daily Bread): Allow me to ask you, madam, if the report of your engagement to Count Sawmillgoff is—
Society Leader: I beg your pardon, sir, but that is nobody's business.
Reporter: I knew it, ma'am. That makes it everybody's business.

PLENTY OF MATERIAL.

"Even when they get ready to dig the Panama Canal," said the passenger with the skull cap, "where will they get the laborers to dig it?"

"Why—aw—I always supposed," remarked the passenger with the waxed mustache, "they used the canal for such work."

TRYING HARD TO GET IT.

Miss de Muir: You propose so beautifully, Mr. Spoonamore—and so fluently. You never seem to be at a loss for a word.
Young Spoonamore: O, but I am! You don't know how lost I shall be if you don't say yes.



"Eavesdropping was foreign to his nature, but her words chained him to the spot."

The Girl in Black

A St. Louis romance of great interest will begin in the

Next Sunday Post-Dispatch

and will be continued daily until completed.

Many Prizes for Shrewd Readers

"Kathleen!" he whispered as he and the girl sat together on the back seat, "this is the road to the Girl in Red's house. What if—"

"There's the place," said the hackman to

Judge Durling, turning in at the broad carriage drive. "Great goin's on they have here, too. Romaine's daughter—Yolande, they call her; she always wears fiery red clothes and she looks like a sight in 'em,

too. Goin' to marry a banker named Farjeon, folks say. Had a great burglar scare here about 2 weeks ago. Man tried to kill Farjeon, and—"

Judge Durling turned and whispered. "Perhaps it will be better, Mr. Gray, if Miss Vernon and I go in alone to see Mr. Romaine. I am acting as her counsel. You would better wait here in the carriage for us. You can do no good by coming in."

The carriage had reached the porte-cochere, and Kathleen and the judge alighted. After they had been admitted to the house Gray found the garrulous conversation of the driver unbearable to his overwrought nerves.

He dismissed the carriage, told the driver to come back in half an hour, and, lighting a cigarette, started to stroll through the grounds. Force of habit led him toward the house in Red's balcony.

A light shone in the window behind the balcony, and Arthur could see that the apartment was a large sitting room. As he looked a gleam of red passed the window. The Girl in Red was evidently within the room. Eager to put fate to the test by personal speech with her, and regardless of consequences, Arthur Gray seized the thick vines that covered that side of the house and climbed to the balcony. To an athlete it was an easy task.

Arrived there, he was about to rap at the half-open window, when the sound of voices checked him.

The Girl in Red and Simon Farjeon were speaking in excited, angry tones.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

GOOD EXAMPLE.

Silar: Too much education is a dangerous thing.

Cyrus: That's what I say, by heck! That's Zeke Crawford knew how to spell the longest word in the dictionary an' when he tried to cut it in the ice with his skates he went plumb through.

The Crawford Clearance Values Are Going
The May Co. Spring Styles Are Arriving

And we are between two duties; anxious that you avail yourself of the limited time for this Clearance Sale, and tempted to tell you of the coming season.

The shipments from the Eastern markets are demanding our attention and clamoring for room, and the prices we have placed on the balance of the Crawford goods deserve your serious and immediate consideration.

We simply hint today on new Dress Goods, Silks, Suits and Waists. We respectfully suggest that you visit the store tomorrow for twofold reason: Your profit during the Crawford Clearance; your information on our Advance Styles.

THE MAY Co.
"THE NAME THAT MEANS MUCH FOR ST. LOUIS."

About Our
New Spring
Silks

50 pieces 22-inch White Wash Silks in the new woven cord effects; guaranteed to launder; at, per yard 35c

40 pieces 22 and 24 inch Satin Twill Foulards in small figured and polka dot effects, all the new shades of champagne, blues, greens, browns, tans and gun metal effects. This is one of the biggest bargains ever offered in a St. Louis house. Come and see them at, per yard 69c

40 pieces 20-inch wide White Habutai Wash Silks, correct idea for those pretty fluffy shirt waists and flill wash like linen; at, per yard 25c

100 pieces new Louisines and Taffetas in all the newest stripes, checks, etc., for shirt-waist suits; three different qualities; and about 40 different styles, at, yard, 49c, 75c and 98c

About Our
New Spring
Dress Goods

75 pieces 30-inch wide Silk or Satin Stripe Waist Cloth, guaranteed all wool, in a handsome range of styles; guaranteed value 75c a yard. Come early if you would secure first choice. The supply can't last long at this price. Suitable for shirt waists, kimono, children's wear, etc. Come expecting a bargain; at, per yard 35c

100 pieces fine 30-inch Silk Stripe Challies in all the newest small Dresden effects. You can have any color made, including white and black, at, per yard 29c

25 pieces 56-inch wide All-Wool Scotch Tweeds in all the new spring effects 69c

50 pieces 38-inch wide Metal Dot Brillantine in navy blue and white dots, black and white dots, white and blue dots, white grounds with black dots, etc. 49c

24 pieces 50-inch wide Black Mohair Sicilian, guaranteed pure dye and finished with a superb luster; per yard

Advance Showing of Spring Fashions in Our
Popular Cloak Department

Our salespeople will cheerfully show you these splendid garments, even if not ready to buy. Here you have every assurance as to the authority of the modes for the coming season. We have made our early showings as complete as possible, with the object in view to give our customers the advantage of a comprehensive selection, proper service, etc.

Recent arrivals in Tailored Suits, the new Eton shapes, the new short blouse effects predominating in the fancy weaves; the Runabout Suits, man-tailored, new trimmings; Latest Voile Gowns, rich exclusive designs; Fancy Design Silk Shirt-Waist Suits, exclusive models; new Voile and Broadcloth Dress Suits, Walking Skirts of novel mixtures; 1904 Spring Weight Top Coats.

Stunning ideas in 1904 Spring Waists; the Allover Laces in champagne, white or black; the Jap. Silk Waists, hundreds of styles to select from; the Organdy and Lawn Waists, all exclusive designs; Silk Petticoats, newest shades, only of the best grades taffetas, at lowest prices. Our window displays will interest you.

St. Louis' Greatest Furniture Opportunity!

The above statement is true without a doubt. Too much stress cannot be laid on this fact. We are to discontinue our Furniture Department, and the following goods now go at close to factory cost: Dining Room Sets, Bedroom Suits, Folding Beds, Writing Desks, Center Tables, Music Cabinets, Chairs, Couches, Davenport, Rockers, Chiffoniers and Dressers. The daily crowds of eager buyers are the best evidence of values. Residences and hotels are profiting by this circumstance.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE
14 Words, 10¢

NIGHT SCHOOL

LAUNDRY HELP
14 Words, 10c

FER. ETC., WANTED—Cuffer, hairdresser. Superior Laundry, 1747 E. 1st.

NEARS WANTED—One body ironer. Ladies' clothes fronet. Schaab Laundry about at.

NEARS WANTED—Body ironers. Monday, 2719 Franklin st.

BOY GIRLS WANTED—Experienced
 la. Monarch Laundry Co., 2719 Pa.
 BOY GIRLS WANTED—Mangle gu
 bundles at Excelsior Laundry, 132
 TAKER WANTED—Experienced m
 ter, body dress, band brooms and c
 la. Laundry Co., 2023 Lucas av.
 ARCHER WANTED—12-permenced
 nary laundry, 4004 Elation av.
 MAN WANTED—Woman to wash
 Excelsior Laundry Co., 2606 Pine st.

THEATRICAL
 14 Words, 2c

S WANTED—Four girls to sing an
 ge. Ben Beale, 500 N. 6th st.

TNER WANTED—/ want lady p
 tch; one with strong voice and

SITUATIONS WANTED—M
20 Years, 56
Business Announcements, 160 a
D'UNTANT—Expert, wants position
close, systematic, audit, scrupul
small estates; reasonable. Zumpfe
3 Kinloch B 264.
D'UNTANT—Sit. by young man of 23 as
experience in oil painting. Ad. 3
patch.
D'UNTANT—Wishes position at decorating
relief work; have original ideas for
ads. Ad. M 162, Post-Dispatch.
D'UNTANT—Bread and cake baker wants
e. 2835 Pine st.

BAKER-Sit. wanted by young man as
first baker. 25 years' experience; ad-
dressed. Ad. P 60, Post-Dispatch.

BAKER-Sit. wanted by a baker, first-cit-
izen or anywhere else; board of
Edward B. Webber, 1602 Middle St.
Madison.

BEE-Sit. wanted by a first-class
position in a good shop. Ad. O 185,
Post-Dispatch.

MAN, WAITER-A thoroughly ex-
perienced man, 33 years of age, was his
first the last a year in the
largest Copenhagen establish-
ment; position; speaks English
and Danish. Address A 75, care of Nordisk
Bureau, Copenhagen, Denmark.

TENDER-Sit. wanted by bartender
and American; sober, competent;
reference of evenings, 6 to 10. Ad. P 128,
Post-Dispatch.

TENDER-Sit. wanted by an

TENDER - Ad. P. 100, Post-Dispatch.
TENDER-Sit. wanted by a hard-
working young man; references. Ap-
pling av.
TENDER - Position by a good, reli-
able person; best city references. A-
t-Dispatch.
TENDER-Sit. wanted by young
blonded; good references; good a-
v. P. 188, Post-Dispatch.
TENDER-Sit. wanted by first-class
bookkeeper; quiet, accurate and
reliable references. Ad. C. 180, Pos-
t-Dispatch.
TENDER-Sit. wanted by a fore-
man bookkeeper and office assist-
ant. P. 188, Post-Dispatch.
TENDER-Sit. wanted by reliable
person and good office man; speaks
English, Spanish and English; best
city references. 2111 Lotus av.

KEEPER—Sit. wanted by young
keeper or assistant: West End
Horton pl. Joseph A. Döring.

KEEPER—Position wanted by young
keeper or office assistant: experience
man: best of habits; speak (German)
fl. at a moderate salary; be signifi-
cantly as to character, honesty and
M 154, Post-Dispatch.

—Sit. wanted by a boy 17 years
of office work in the city. Ad-
t-11a.

—Sit. wanted by colored boy in ru-
r to porter work. Ad. 2940 Lawton

—Strong boy wants to learn plumb-
ing some experience. Ad. L 40, Post-
Dispatch.

—Boy wants to learn the plumb-
ing, stout and steady. Ad. Box 233,
Ill.

—ER, etc.—Butler, valet or cook

PENTER—Wants general repair work in painting, paper hanging, carpentry. Reasonable price; good references. **W. S. W.**
PENTER—**Sit**, wanted by the day. Reasonable; can do any kind of work. **W. S. W.**
PENTER, **Sit**, wanted to do job work in painting, paper hanging, etc. Call 1383A Hickory st.
PENTER—**Sit**, wanted by an experienced painter and cabinet maker of every description. Designs, drawing and estimates furnished. References. Day work or contract. **W. Sumner**, 6100 Barmter.
PIER—Young man, aged 29, wants to be a cashier in restaurant or as shipping clerk in wholesale house; can give good references. **M 182**, Post-Dispatch.
PIER—**Position**: by **YOUNG MAN**, 29, as

YOUNG—Young man of ability desires
 work; stock or extension clerk, com-
 mercial. Ad. reference. Ad. L 90, P.
 132, Post-Dispatch.
 YOUNG—Slt. wanted by experienced
 cook. 2614 Marcus av.
 YOUNG—Young German would like
 coachman or any kind of work; g.
 m. Ad. L 117, Post-Dispatch.
 YOUNG—German, who has 6 years
 experience in construction of elevators
 and machines, wants position. Ad.
 reference. Eugene St.
 YOUNG—Position, experienced hand-
 finished bond. Ad. P 184, Post-Dis-
 patch.
 YOUNG—Wants relief work after
 class drugist. Ad. Drugist, 268
 E. 12th St.
 YOUNG—Slt. wanted by engineer

MAN-Sit. wanted by colored man for house and outside man; good references. Ad. P 187, Post-Dispatch.

MAN-Middle-aged German wanted as houseman; handy with tools; best of refs. Ad. P 153, Post-Dispatch.

MAN-Sit. by colored man for porter; good city references. 1099 Well av.

MAN-Sit. wanted by colored man of butter; best references. Ad. P 187, Post-Dispatch.

PREPARE-Sit. wanted by an immigrant; speak German, English, Russian, Italian, Greek and Polish. Ad. P 187, Post-Dispatch.

-Sitt, by young man, aged 25, good
 2 years' experience in who-
 else references. Ad. F 190, Post-Dispatch.

AND WIFE—German couple will
permanent place in suburbs; go
houseman: city references. 1410
57.

AND WIFE—German couple will
buy; good cook and baker or house-
wife all about house, garden, work, etc.
wanted. See H. 1410 on.

WOMAN OF 75 MISSING

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DOINGS IN MARKET AND FINANCIAL WORLD

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 45,000 steady. Good to prime steers, \$505.70; poor to medium, \$4.25 to \$4.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to 4.10; cows, \$1.50 to 4.25; heifers, \$2.50 to 4.50; canners, \$1.50 to 4.25; bulls, \$2.25 to 4.10; calves, \$3.50 to 4.25. Hogs—Receipts today, 28,000; tomorrow, 33,000. Live pigs—Receipts today, 10,000; tomorrow, 12,000. Mixed and butchers, \$4.95 to 5.15.

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RIVER BULLETIN.				
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 2.				
STATIONS.	D'ger line, feet.	Height in feet.	Change in 24 hours.	W. in 24 hours.
Pittsburg	22	19.2		
Atchamora	36	14.4	76.5	
Cincinnati	50	17.6	0.0	
Louisville	28	8.4	76.2	
Nashville	40	4.9	76.2	
Chattanooga	2	2.8	76.2	
Flomona	16	1.2	0.0	
Johnsonville	21	3.2	76.1	
Evansville	35	13.8	76.4	
St. Paul	14		From Frank	

Davenport	15		Frozen	
Keokuk	15		Frozen	
Des Moines	23	7.7	Frozen	
Omaha	18		Frozen	
Omaha City	2	6.8	Frozen	
Kansas City	20	6.2	Frozen	
Boonville	24	6.3	Frozen	
Hercusma	24	6.2	Frozen	
St. Louis	27	7.0	Frozen	
Chester	43	7.2	Frozen	
Calro	43	7.2	Frozen	
Memphis	23	16.2	Frozen	
Little Rock	23	3.1	Frozen	
Wichita	23	8.4	Frozen	
Shreveport	20	1.6	Frozen	
New Orleans	18	8.4	Frozen	

T-rise. F-fall.

WAREHOUSE STATEMENT.		
	This Year.	Last Year.
Stock on hand Sept. 1	1,100	117
Net receipts since Sept. 1	40,100	117

Net shipments since Sept. 1	22,636	26.1
Stock on hand	18,739	28.5
Gross receipts today	1,824	
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	424,454	64.7
Gross shipments today	2,251	8.9
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	326,175	631.5

SPOT COTTON MARKET.

Galveston—Nominal, not quoted; receipts, 96 bales.

New Orleans—Buyers and sellers apart; receipts, 9661 bales.

Mobile—Nominal; receipts, 1298 bales.

Savannah—Nominal; receipts, 4319 bales.

Wilmington—Nominal; receipts, 100 bales.

Charleston—Not quoted; receipts, 10 bales.

Baltimore—Nominal at 15c; receipts, none.
New York—Quiet at 14.25c; receipts, none.
Boston—Quiet at 14.25c; receipts, none.
Philadelphia—Quiet at 15c; receipts, none.
Houston—Nominal, not quoted; receipts, 94
bales.
Augusta—Nominal at 14 1/2c to 14 5/8c; receipts, 11
bales.
Memphis—Nominal, not quoted; receipts, 11
bales.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6. — Spot cotton, moderate.

DEATHS.

For additional Deaths see First Want Page

NOONAN—At 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, Feb. 9, Daniel F. Noonan, at the age of 60 years.

FINANCIAL.
Mercantile Trust Co

Capital and Surplus, \$9,500,000.
Buys and Sells Government, State, County
Municipal and Choice Railroad and
Corporation Bonds.

OFFERS:
Union Depot R. R. 60% 1918.

St. Louis Merchants' Bridge 6% 1929.
Terminal Railway 5% 1930.
Laclede Gas Light Co. 5% 1911.
Missouri Pacific Railway 5% 1911.

Bond circular sent on application. Interviews with investors solicited.

Bond Department, William Foley, Manager

FINANCIAL

KEY TRUST COMPANY

100 NORTH AND PINE STS.

Profits, \$8,300,000.
JOINT COMPANY BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS
EXECUTORS.
FRANCIS,
KIRKEL,
GODDARD,
HOFFMAN,
HUTCHINS,
RUEBEN JOSEPH,
WM. D. ORTHWEIN,
H. CLAY FERGUSON,
JOSEPH RAMSEY, JR.,
MOSES RUMSEY,
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JAMES W. TAYLOR.

CHARGE BANK.
DWAY,
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dicted, whether large or small, personal
on time deposits.

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VIEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE
BASE AND SALE OF BONDS AND
NEW YORK.
FOURTH STREET.

TYRANT OF KITCHEN DETHRONED AT LAST

New Nonunion Cooks' Union Will
Furnish Aid When All
Others Flee.

NEGRO "HELPS" ORGANIZE

"Intelligence Office" Will Help
Housewives to Keep Domestic
Machinery Moving Smoothly.

An union of nonunion porters, waiters and cooks of dusky hue has launched forth on the troubled labor seas to bring order out of chaos and make peace where there is no peace.

The "Helps" Association of Waiters, Cooks and Porters, as this new nonunion union calls itself, is designed especially to furnish help to take the places of disgruntled house servants or waiters who quit their places suddenly.

The "Helps" Association will conduct an "Intelligence office," where men and women house servants will be at the disposal of employers, and where light-footed waiters, with long training in balls and receptions, will await, dress suit in hand, the call to duty.

The initial meeting of the new association was held at Lambert's Hotel, 1911 Market street, Monday evening, and the organization will be perfected Thursday afternoon. The following officers have been elected temporarily:

R. G. Williams, president; C. Williams, secretary; Hugh White, treasurer.

DIETRICH DREW SECRETARY'S PAY

Senator's Brother-in-Law Admits He
Allowed Statesman to Take
All the Money.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 9.—John Slaker of Hastings, Neb., brother-in-law of United States Senator Dietrich, has admitted for publication that while he was under appointment as secretary to the senator, he performed no services and received no pay. Dietrich taking his salary vouchers, which he had signed, and collecting the money.

Slaker says he was appointed immediately after the senator's election, in March, 1901, and never received a penny. His excuse for allowing Senator Dietrich to pocket the money is that, as he had performed no service, he did not think he was entitled to pay.

Dietrich's enemies have been investigating the matter for some time, and sent investigators to Washington, who say they received the information from treasury officials that Dietrich collected nearly \$1000 on vouchers signed by Slaker.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

Because of "patent roller process" of making Satin-Skin Complexion Powder does not show or clog the pores. Best made, 25 cents.

Fein Goes Back to Prison.

Adolph Fein, who was brought from the state penitentiary to testify before the federal grand jury relative to naturalization frauds in which he had participated, was returned to prison Tuesday. Harry H. Hazard, Gayoso, Mo., postoffice robber, Edward Radcliffe and Samuel Baetzel, counterfeiters, were taken with him.

WABASH LIMITED HITS A FREIGHT

Fast Train Going West in Collision
at Raymond, Ill., 64 Miles
From St. Louis.

Alleged carelessness of the operator of an interlocking system of switches on the Wabash at Raymond, Ill., 64 miles from St. Louis, precipitated the fast westbound limited, No. 9, onto a sidetrack, where it collided with a freight train.

Two women, Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Fell, both of New York city, were severely shaken up. The train crew and 75 other passengers were uninjured. Both engines were disabled and No. 9, due at 7:15 Monday night, did not reach Union Station until 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

When the train arrived Dr. White of the Wabash Employees' Dispensary met it and treated the injured women.

Mrs. Adkins recovered sufficiently to be taken to the home of friends on Easton avenue.

Mrs. Fell was taken to a Pullman in the station yard, and this morning she resumed her journey to Kansas City.

No. 9 was running on the time of No. 1, which had been delayed by eastern connections, and reached Raymond at 6 o'clock Monday night.

The change in train numbers is believed to have been the cause of the operator's mistake.

Methodist Advises Changes.

Rev. Joel A. Barker of the Carondelet Methodist Church, in an address before the St. Louis Methodist ministers, Monday, advocated the abolition of the office of presiding elder. He also suggested doing away with the probation system in receiving members.

DEATH RATHER THAN POVERTY

George Schneider Could Not Bear to
See Wife and Children Live
Without His Support.

The funeral of George Schneider of 3008 North Grand avenue, who died Monday night from carbolic acid taken with intent to end his life, will be held at the family residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Schneider had been drinking heavily for several weeks and had worked but little. Lately he had become despondent upon realizing that he was not supporting his wife and two children, who lived with his mother. He drank the acid while the family was at supper in an adjoining room.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CALLED.

Representatives in Delegate Convention to Be Chosen March 25.

The election commissioners have been notified by the city Republican committee that the primary for the selection of delegates for the Kansas City delegate convention would be held March 25. Under the following:

First, 9; 2d, 8; 3d, 4; 4th, 5; 5th, 6; 6th, 7; 7th, 8; 8th, 9; 9th, 10; 10th, 11; 11th, 12; 12th, 13; 13th, 14; 14th, 15; 15th, 16; 16th, 17; 17th, 18; 18th, 19; 19th, 20; 20th, 21; 21st, 22; 22d, 23; 23d, 24; 24th, 25; 25th, 26; 26th, 27; 27th, 28; 28th, 29; 29th, 30.

Driveway Around the Fair.

The county court at Clayton has taken up the question of a driveway around the World's Fair grounds at the request of Judge Franklin F. Friss, counsel for the World's Fair. Judge Friss appeared before the court Monday to present the matter, which was taken under advisement. The county court had let the St. Louis County grade rise to the proposition to build the driveway.

SENDS CHILD AWAY, THEN OPENS VEINS

Civil War Veteran Had Made Three
Previous Unsuccessful Attempts
to End Life.

"You better run home, honey," said Robert T. Delaney to little Florence Ethridge, after she had played about the kitchen at his home, 3839 North Twenty-first street. A few minutes later Mrs. Delaney returned from the errand that had called her to the grocery store and found her husband lying in the blood that flowed from seven self-inflicted wounds. City Hospital physicians do not expect him to recover from the loss of blood.

Robert T. Delaney is 71 years old. He was born in Mississippi and at the outbreak of the war was well to do and was a lieutenant in the Second Mississippi regiment. After the war he never regained his footing, and as he grew older, he found it harder to provide for himself and his wife.

Three times before he has tried to end his life. Once he was saved by an overdose of laudanum. April 18, 1903, he opened an artery in his left wrist, but the wound was discovered in time to save his life. A few days ago he was found kneeling in the woodshed, knife in hand, feeling for the arteries in his neck.

Monday afternoon he tried to borrow a revolver from several neighbors "to kill a cat," but was unsuccessful.

Then he went home and sharpened a steel ink eraser, and was working at that when Mrs. Delaney went to the store. A few minutes later, when little Florence came in to show "grandfather" how she looked in boys' trousers, he chatted with her, but kept on whetting the eraser.

After Florence had left he stabbed himself twice in the left arm, opening the

artery both times, three times near the heart and twice in the neck.

East St. Louis World's Fair Club.

The World's Fair Club of the East Side held a meeting Saturday afternoon in the Royal Hotel. There was a large attendance and much interest manifested.

All lodges were not represented, but splendid reports were made from those who were present, and quite a sum of money brought in from the sale of certificates for

the room they are trying to secure in the Fraternal Temple.

Miners Open a Store.

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Winter Eczema

Winter Eczema, sometimes called Dry Eczema, or Tetter, is one of the severest forms of this most torturing and aggravating of all skin diseases. As cold weather approaches the skin thickens and hardens, cracks and bleeds, and in bad cases crusts and sores form and the parts affected become intensely painful, tender and swollen. The itching, burning and smarting is so terrific at times that the sufferer is made almost desperate, and the nerves are so unstrung that sleep is impossible. Like all other skin-torturing diseases, Winter Eczema is caused by acids circulating in the blood, and while soothing applications are helpful, no lasting benefit can come from external treatment. The disease is in the blood; the entire system is saturated with the poison and the blood aflame with the fiery acids, and only a remedy that enters into the circulation and destroys the poisons will afford lasting relief from the torments of Eczema.

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